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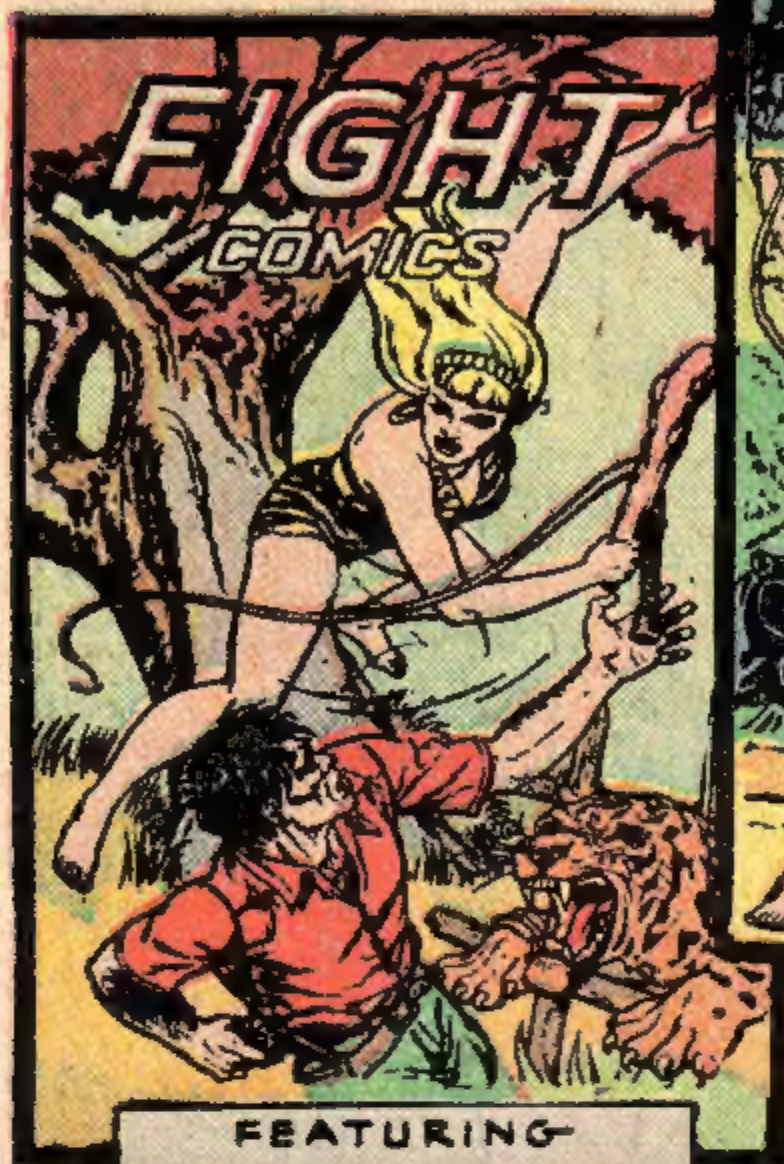
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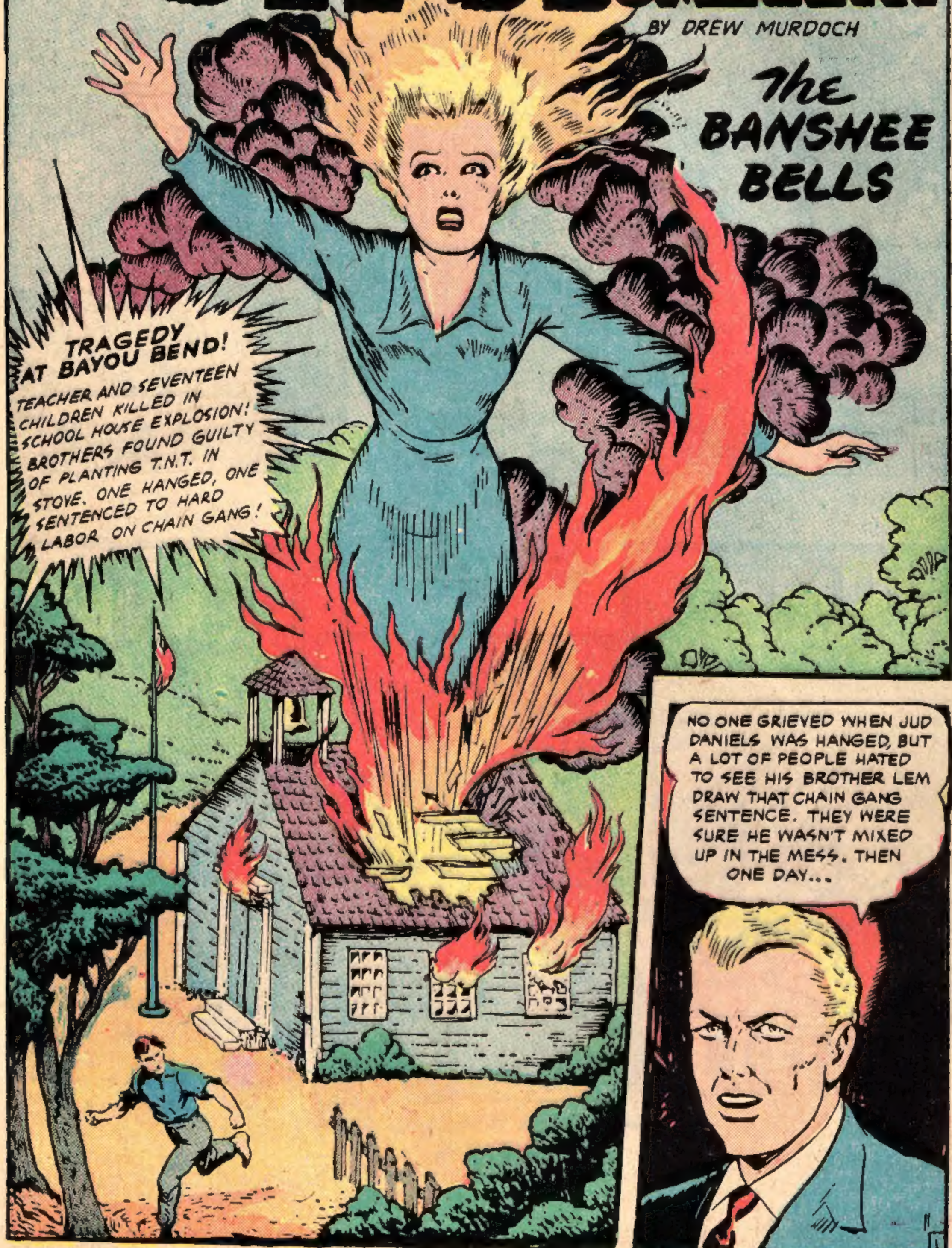


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THE GHOST GALLERY

BY DREW MURDOCH

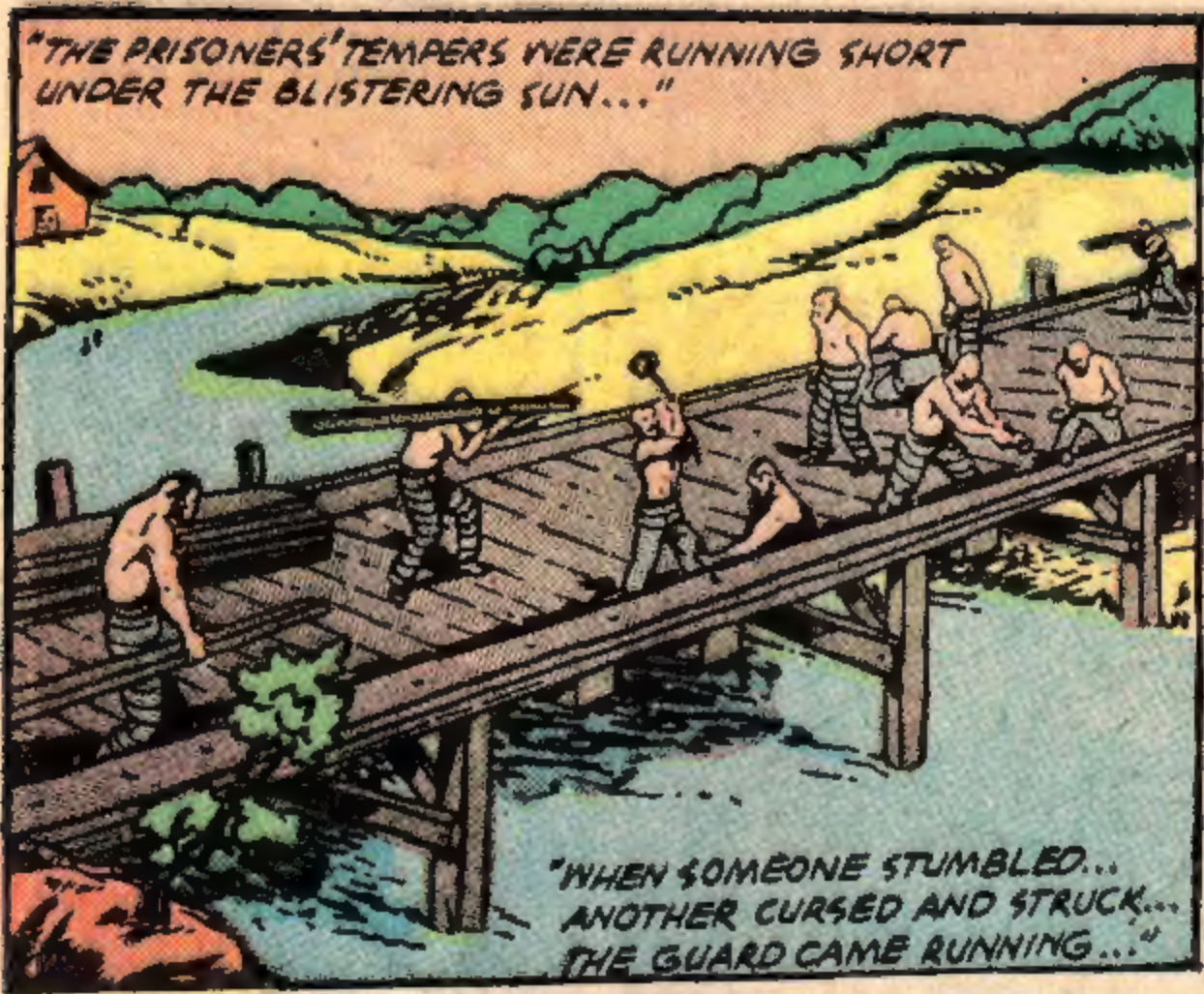
The BANSHEE BELLS



**TRAGEDY
AT BAYOU BEND!**
TEACHER AND SEVENTEEN
CHILDREN KILLED IN
SCHOOL HOUSE EXPLOSION!
BROTHERS FOUND GUILTY
OF PLANTING T.N.T. IN
STOVE. ONE HANGED, ONE
SENTENCED TO HARD
LABOR ON CHAIN GANG!

NO ONE GRIEVED WHEN JUD
DANIELS WAS HANGED, BUT
A LOT OF PEOPLE HATED
TO SEE HIS BROTHER LEM
DRAW THAT CHAIN GANG
SENTENCE. THEY WERE
SURE HE WASN'T MIXED
UP IN THE MESS. THEN
ONE DAY...



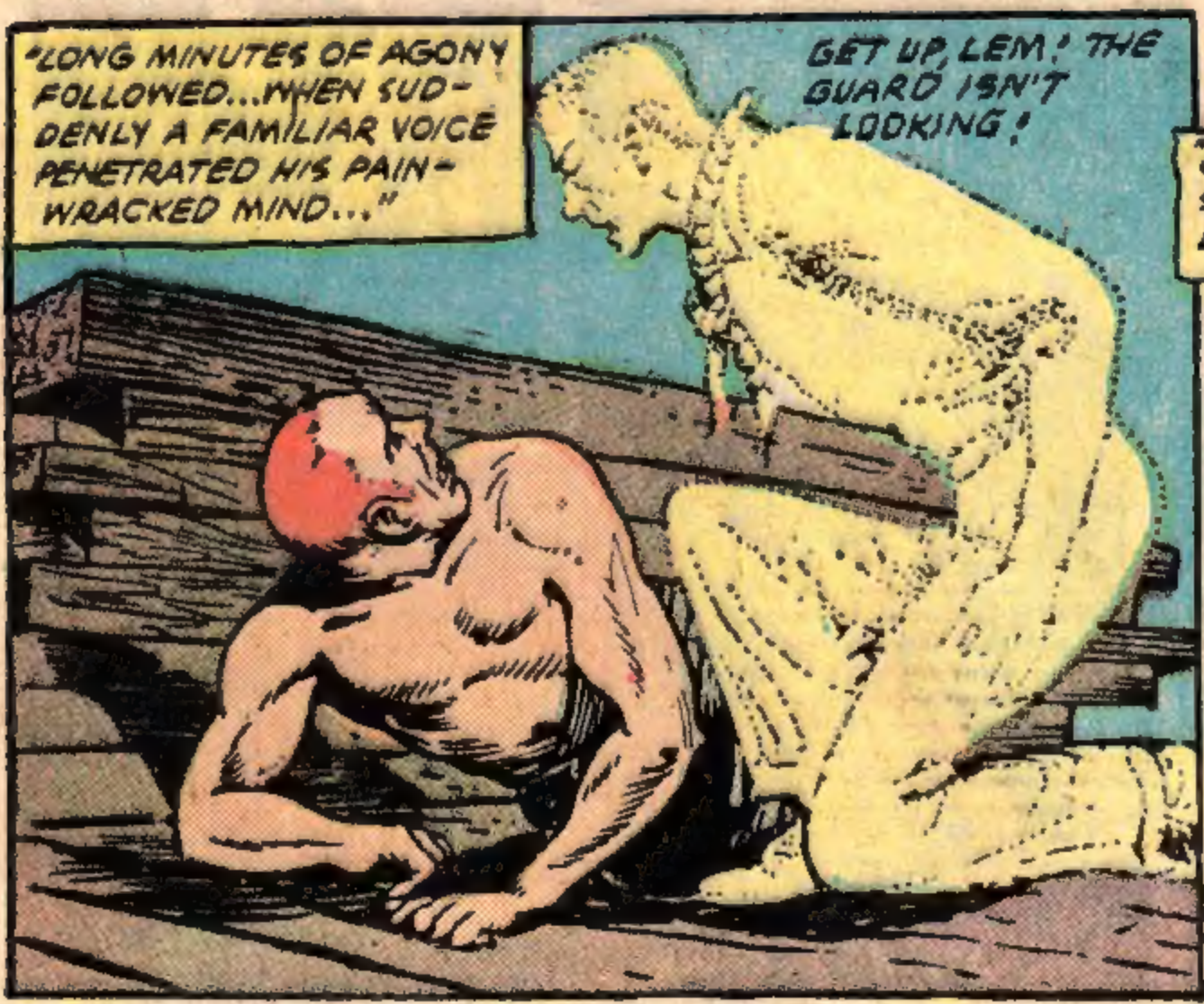


"THE PRISONERS' TEMPERS WERE RUNNING SHORT UNDER THE BLISTERING SUN..."

"WHEN SOMEONE STUMBLED... ANOTHER CURSED AND STRUCK... THE GUARD CAME RUNNING..."



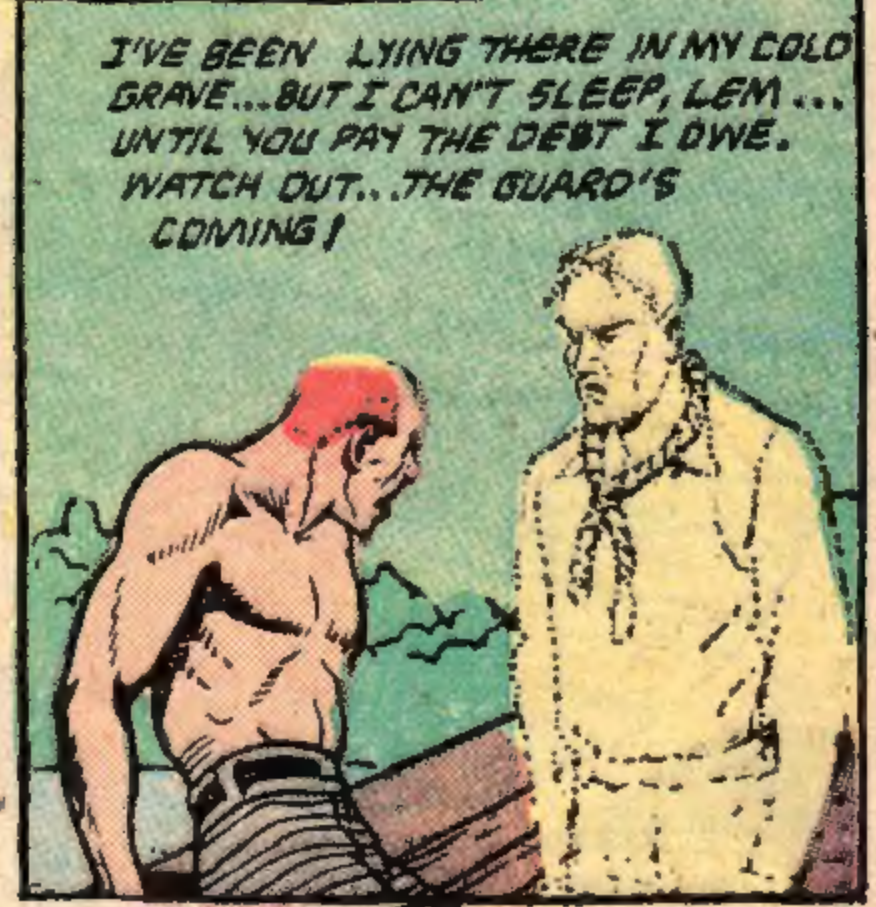
SO IT'S TROUBLE YOU WANT, EH DANIELS... HERE IT IS!



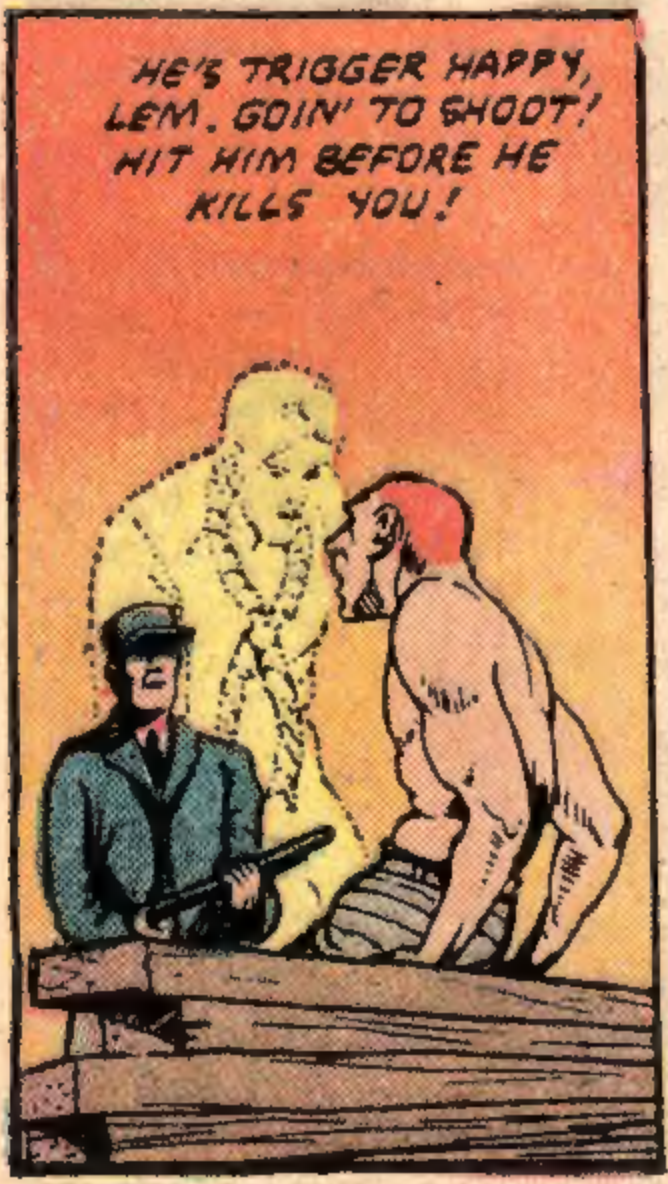
"LONG MINUTES OF AGONY FOLLOWED... WHEN SUDDENLY A FAMILIAR VOICE PENETRATED HIS PAIN-WRACKED MIND..."

GET UP, LEM! THE GUARD ISN'T LOOKING!

"JUD'S VOICE! AND AGAIN IT STABBED THROUGH HIS DARKENED BRAIN..."



I'VE BEEN LYING THERE IN MY COLD GRAVE... BUT I CAN'T SLEEP, LEM... UNTIL YOU PAY THE DEBT I DWE. WATCH OUT... THE GUARD'S COMING!



HE'S TRIGGER HAPPY, LEM. GOIN' TO SHOOT! HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!

"HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU! HIT HIM BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!" THOSE GHOSTLY WORDS ECHOED IN LEM'S EARS... WHIPPED HIM INTO FRENZIED FURY, HE LEAPED AND STRUCK!"



"INSTANTLY A BLUBBERING PAIN-SCREAM ROLLED ACROSS THE VALLEY..."

"AND FROM FAR OFF A WHISTLE SHRILLED..."



IT'S THE
BABY
KILLER...
HE'S GONE
NUTS!

HE'S KNOCKED
JAKE OUT!
COME ON!



YOU'VE HIT HIM, LEM! RUN
FOR IT, BOY, BEFORE THEY
FILL YOU WITH LEAD!



... "HE WAS A SLAVE TO
THAT VOICE NOW... IT WAS
NOT TO BE QUESTIONED...
JUST TO BE OBEYED!"



THEY JUST
NICKED YOUR
FOOT. YOU'RE
SAFE NOW,
LEM.



MY FOOT
HURTS, JUD.
I CAN'T RUN
ANYMORE.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TOO! THE
DOGS HAVE PICKED UP
YOUR SCENT... GET
MOVING!



"BUT NOT FOR LONG... FOR SOON
THE FAR OFF BAYING OF THE
BLOOD HOUNDS WAS ECHOING
ACROSS THE SWAMP..."



... I'LL STOP
THEM! YOU
GO ON!

DON'T LET THEM
CATCH ME, JUD! I
DON'T WANT TO
DIE!

"AS BEHIND CAME THE STALKERS...
GRIM FACED LAW MEN..."

WE'LL HAVE HIM IN A FEW MINUTES...
THE SCENT IS GETTING HOT! LISTEN!
...WHAT'S THAT MOVING IN THE
BRUSH?



"AT THAT INSTANT, SNORTING IN FEAR, A
GHOST-RIDDEN BULL THUNDERS FROM OUT
OF THE WOODS!"



SWAMP MAVERICKS...
KILLERS! RUN!



THEN HEADLONG
PANIC...

ONE OF THE DEVILS HAS
CORNERED ME IN THE
BOG! HELP!



YOU'RE OKAY...THE CRITTER'S
GONE. HEY...THAT THING AT
YOUR FEET...LOOK OUT!



CROC! I QUIT! THEY CAN'T
PAY ME ENOUGH TO RUN AROUND
THIS SWAMP CHASING KILLERS!

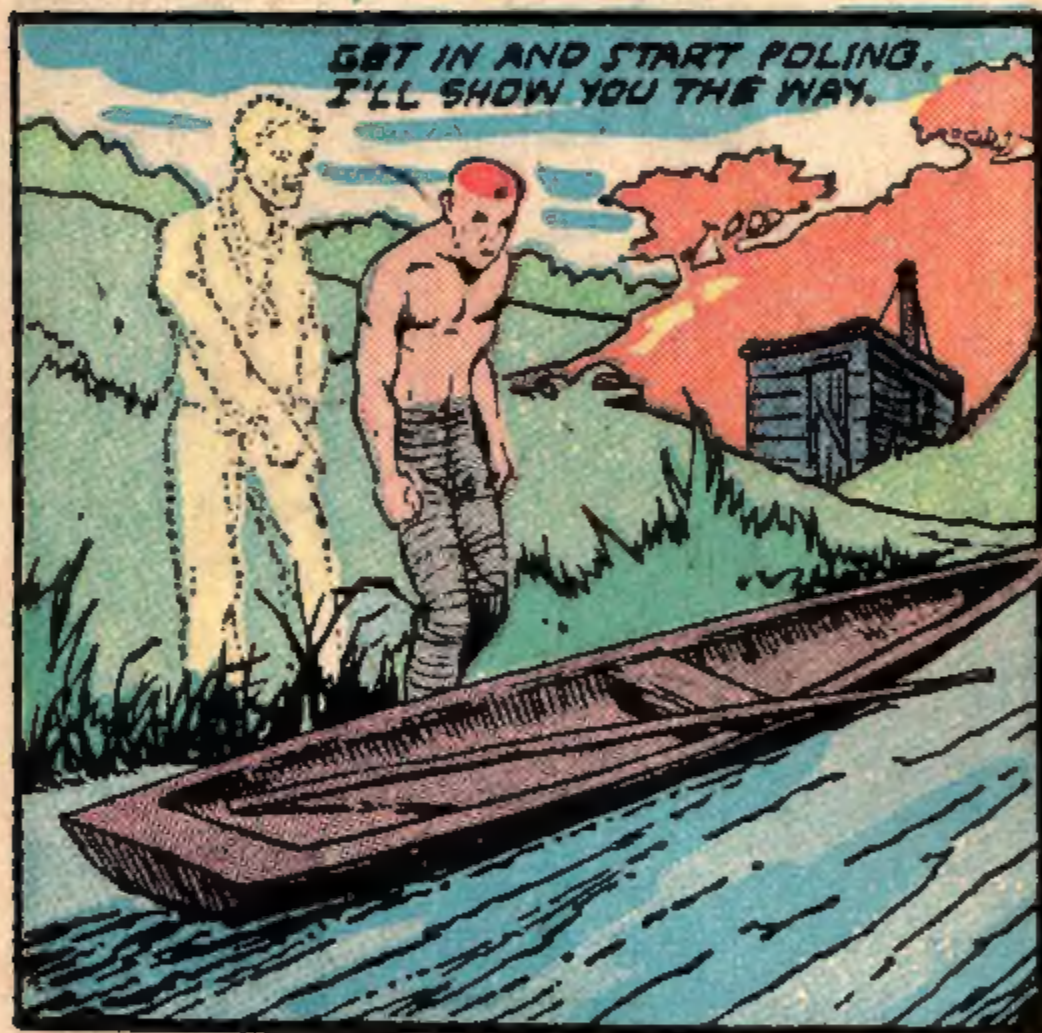


THAT GOES FOR ALL OF
US. COME ON... WE'RE
GETTING OUT OF HERE!

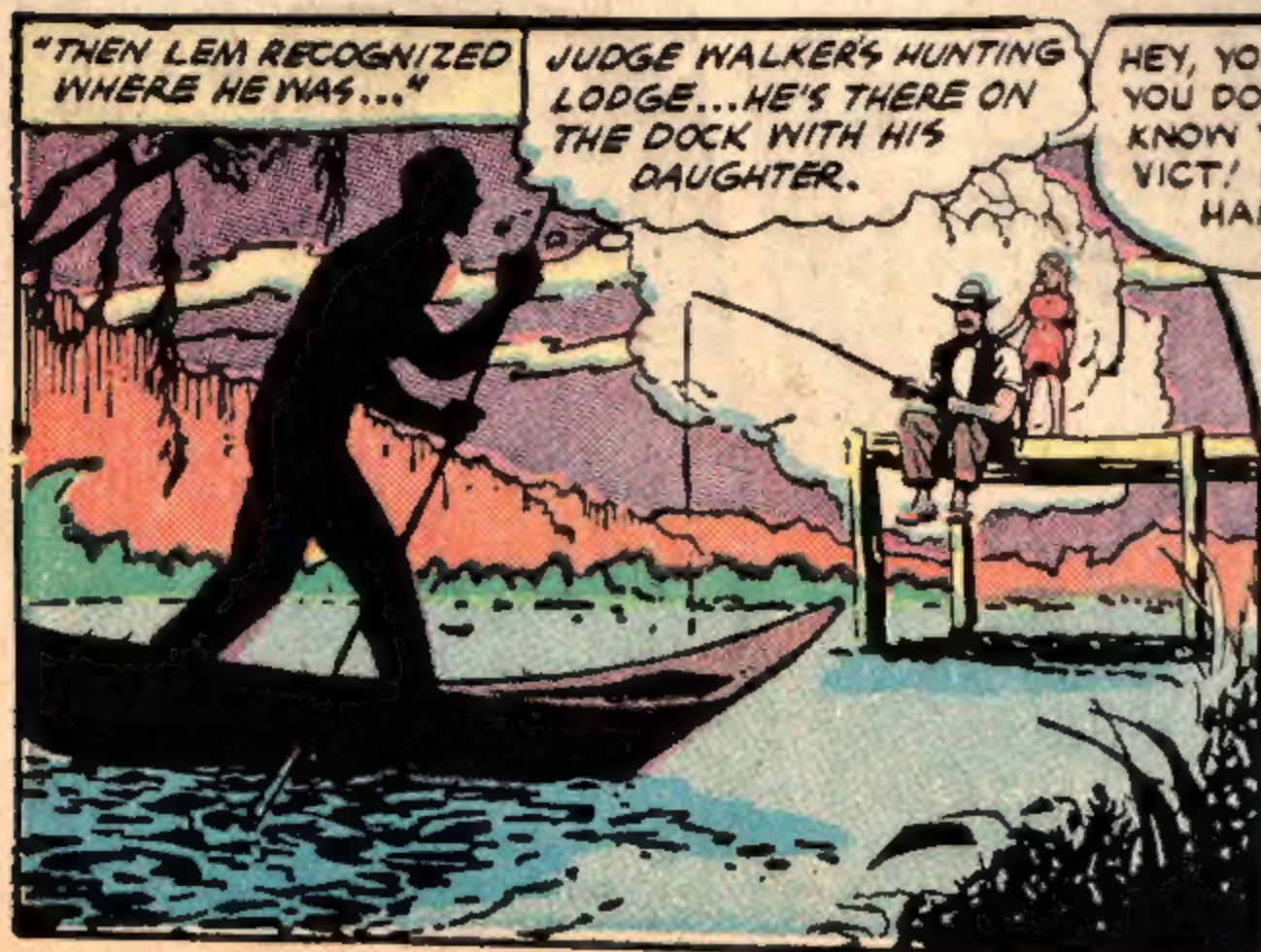
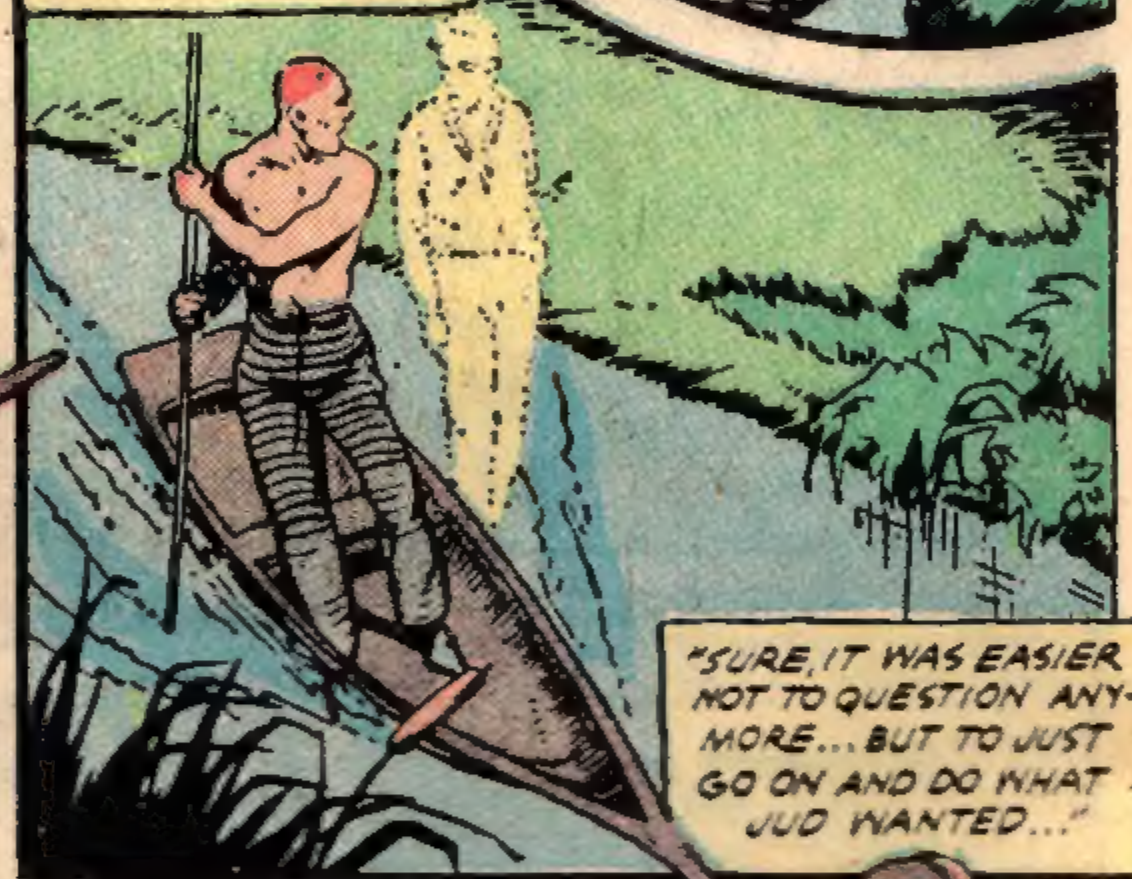




I'M TALKING TO MYSELF... MUST BE GOING CRAZY. JUD'S DEAD... HE COULDN'T COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE.



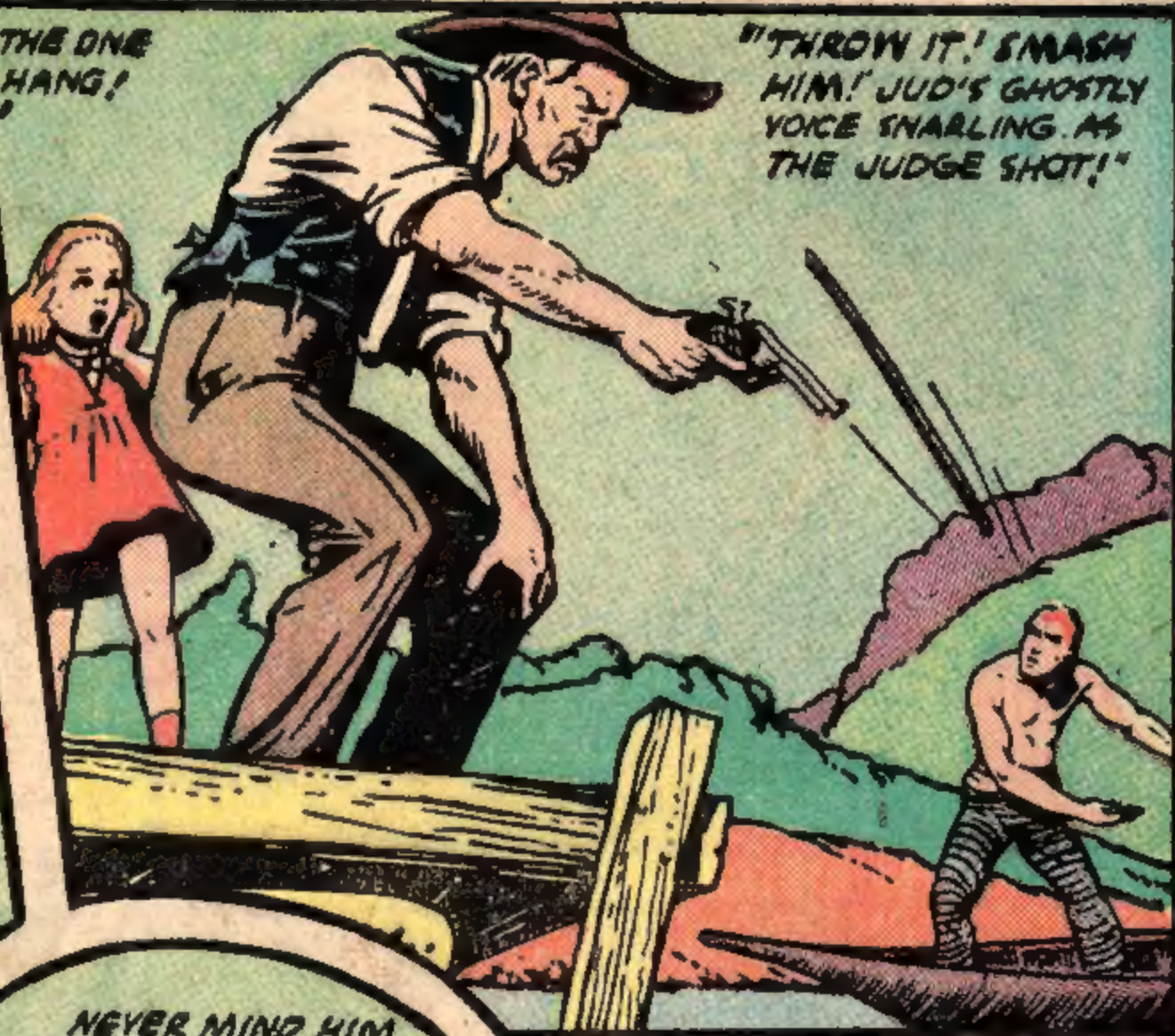
"HE WAS THERE ALL RIGHT... LEM WAS SURE OF IT NOW."



HE'S GOT HIS GUN ON ME. WHAT'LL I DO, JUD?

THROW THE POLE! HE'S THE ONE WHO SENTENCED ME TO HANG! THROW THE POLE!

"THROW IT! SMASH HIM! JUD'S GHOSTLY VOICE SNARLING AS THE JUDGE SHOT!"



"WAS IT JUD'S HAND THAT SPED THE POLE... SMASHING THE JUDGE DOWN?"

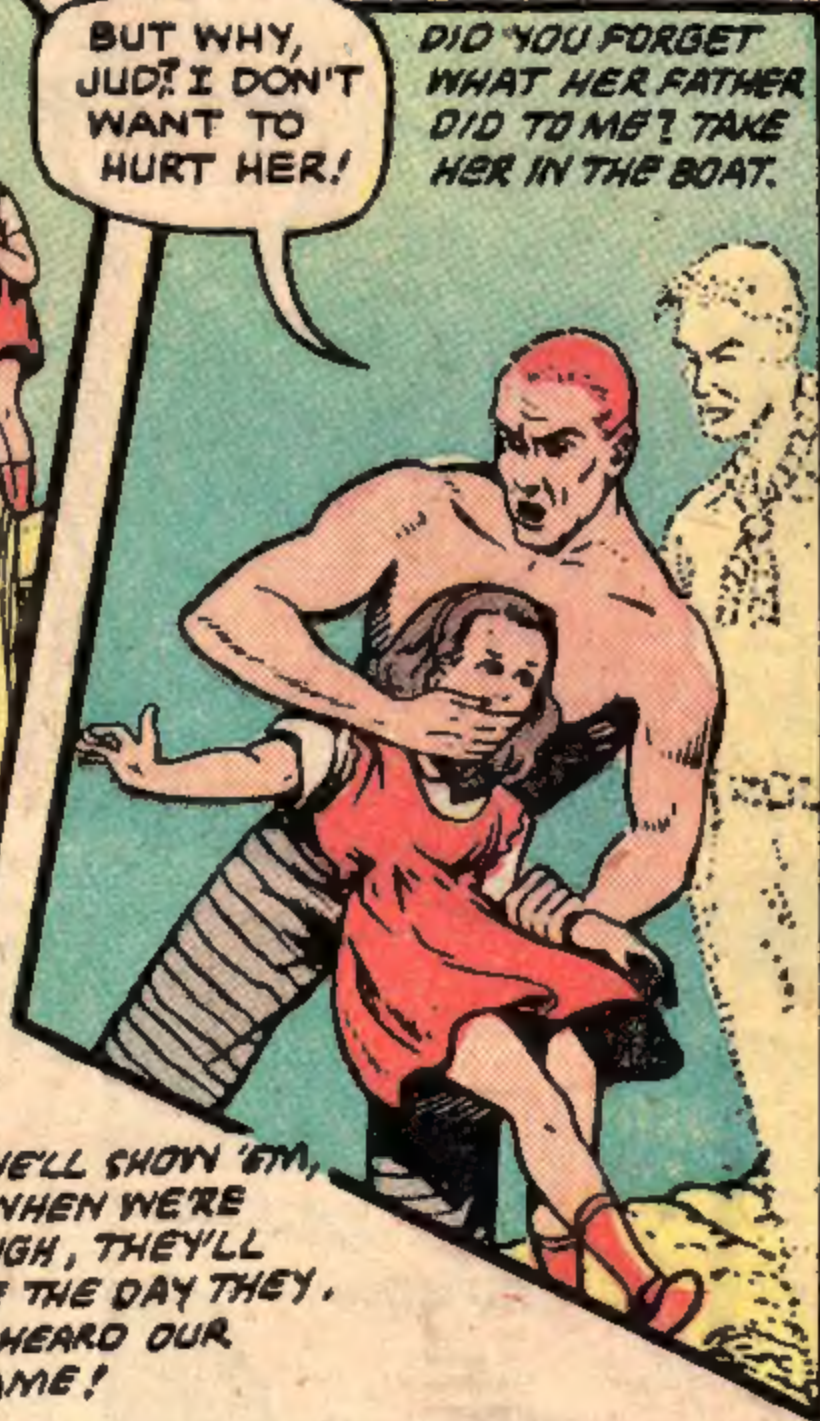


NEVER MIND HIM... GRAB THE KID... HURRY... HURRY!



BUT WHY, JUD? I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER!

DID YOU FORGET WHAT HER FATHER DID TO ME? TAKE HER IN THE BOAT.



"HE HAD NO WILL OF HIS OWN. HE WAS A ZOMBIE MAN OBEYING..."

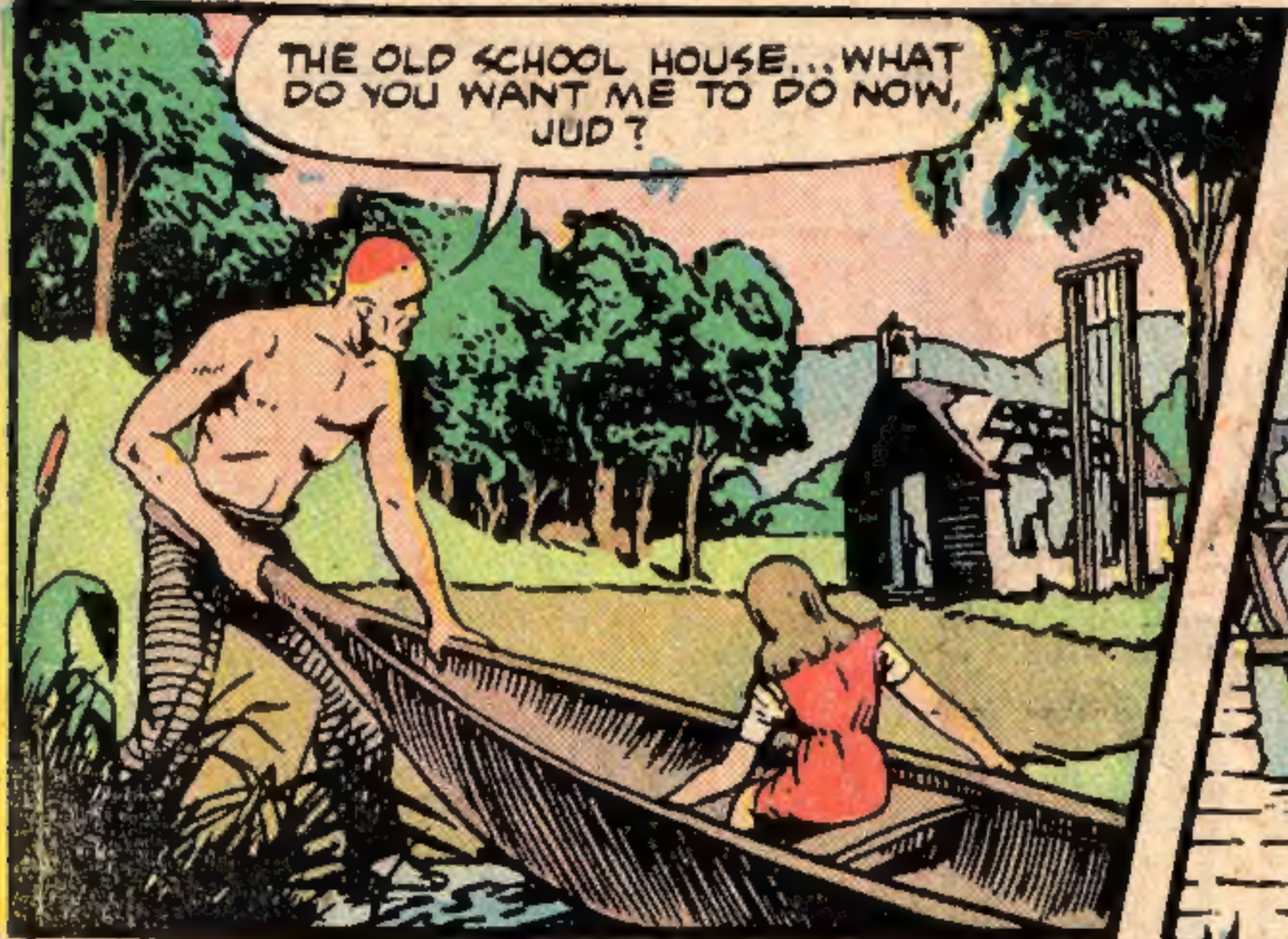


NOW WE'LL SHOW 'EM, BOY! WHEN WE'RE THROUGH, THEY'LL CURSE THE DAY THEY FIRST HEARD OUR NAME!



"...FOR HIS MIND WAS DEAD AND LOST WITH THE VOICE OF JUD DRIVING IN HIS EARS...?"

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE...WHAT
DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW,
JUD?



THERE'S A ROPE,
LEM. USE IT ON
THE KID THE
SAME AS THE
JUDGE GAVE IT
TO ME.

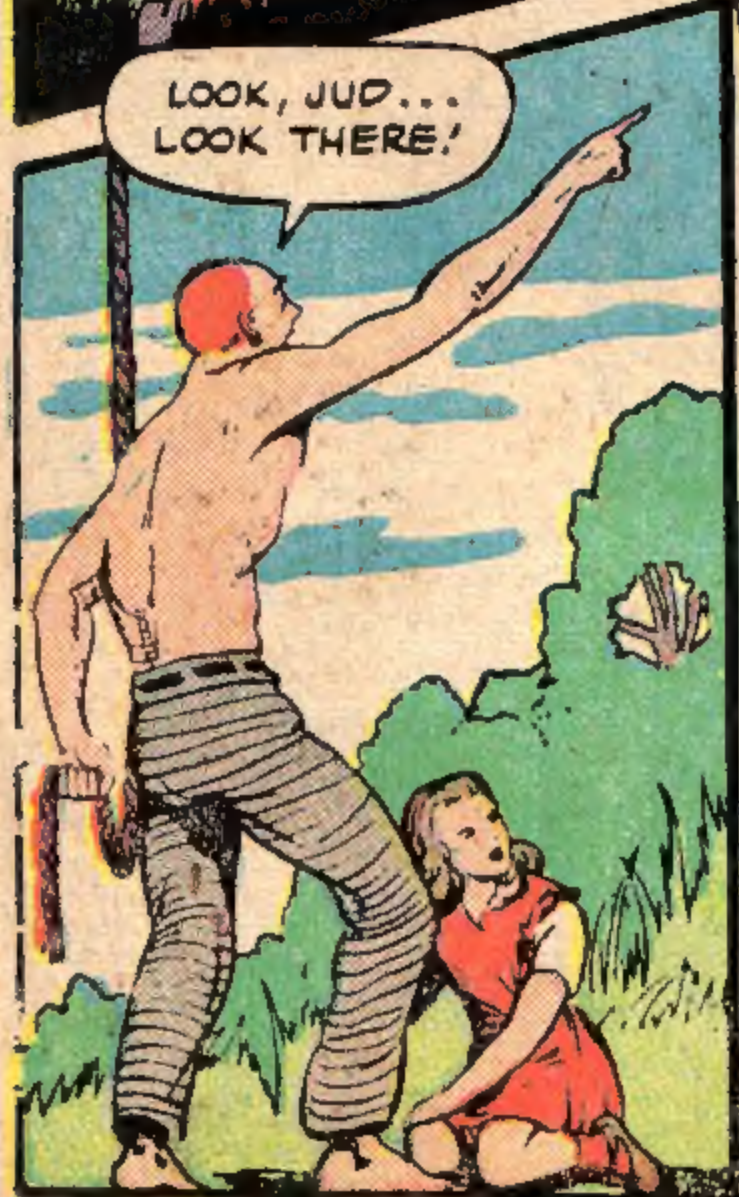


WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
GO AHEAD...MAKE A NOOSE
THE SAME AS I WEAR!

LISTEN, JUD...
SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING.

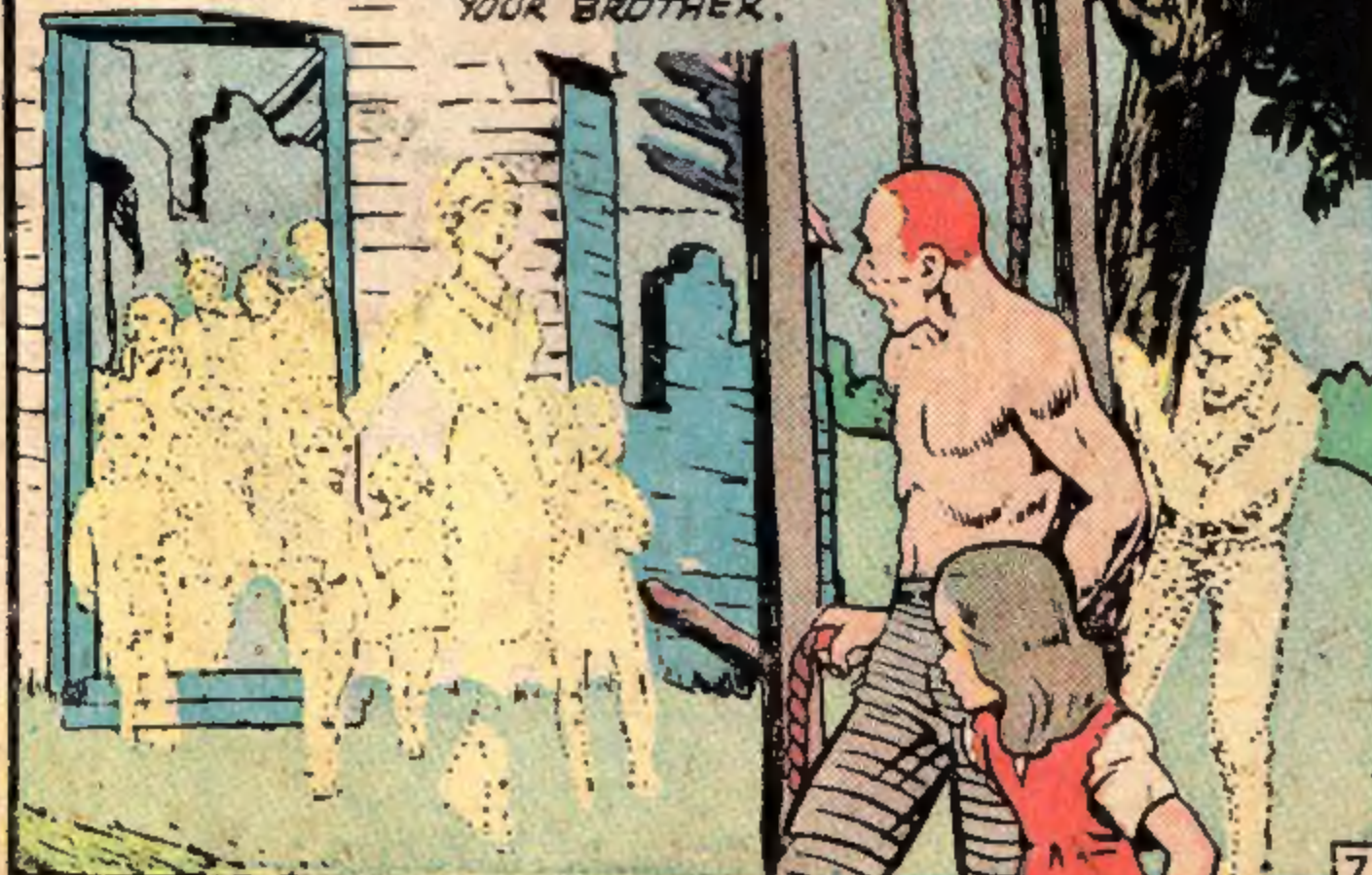


LOOK, JUD...
LOOK THERE!



"AND NOW MORE GHOSTLY
FIGURES CROWDED HIS MIND...
AND ANOTHER VOICE WAS
WHISPERING THROUGH HIS
SHATTERED BRAIN..."

WAIT, LEM! I'M
GOING TO TALK TO
YOUR BROTHER.



THE PRICE YOU PAID FOR YOUR CRIME WAS JUST, JUD! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE LEM A MURDERER TOO?

"MORE FORMS FLASHED THROUGH LEM'S TORTURED MIND... HE SAW HIS BROTHER'S FACE CRINGE IN FEAR... TINY ACCUSING FINGERS POINTING!"

"THEN THEY FADED... WAS IT THE WIND'S RUSTLING OF THE LEAVES THAT WHISPERED TO HIM, 'TAKE HER BACK TO HER FATHER, LEM. IT ISN'T TOO LATE!'"

LITTLE GIRL... LITTLE GIRL... DID YOU SEE WHAT I SAW... HEAR WHAT I HEARD?

I... I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING. PLEASE TAKE ME BACK TO MY FATHER!

"AND LATER, JUST AS THE JUDGE WAS LEAVING HIS SHACK TO HUNT FOR HIS DAUGHTER, A MAIL SOUNDED."

DON'T SHOOT, JUDGE, EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING WHEN I KNOCKED YOU DOWN AND TOOK HER.

THAT'S THE STORY... BUT SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, THE TEACHER'S DIARY WAS FOUND. THIS PAGE CLEARED LEM DANIELS OF THE CRIME.

MARCH 16... STRANGE THING HAPPENED TODAY.. JUD DANIELS ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM. WHEN I REFUSED, HE SWORE HE WAS GOING TO BLOW UP THE SCHOOL. BUT I'M NOT SCARED... HE WOULDN'T DARE DO THAT WHEN HE LEARNS I AM GOING TO MARRY HIS BROTHER LEM.

Ghost Squadron

II PHANTOMS FROM THE SEA

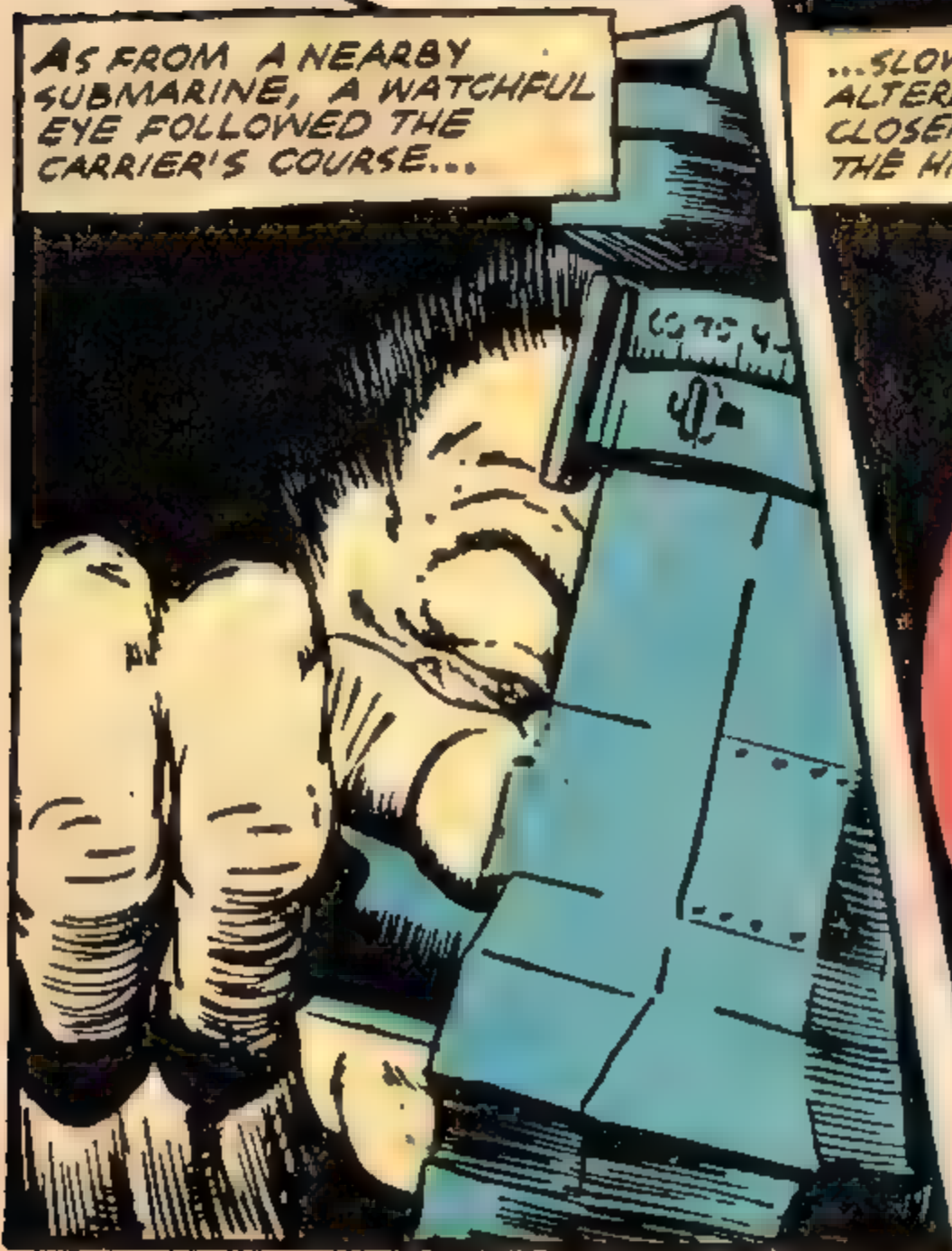
DAY AFTER DAY, LIEUTENANT PHIL STRONG KEPT DRAWING THE TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO WISE UP... THE OLD MAN WAS RIDING HIM!... SO HE PUT IN A REQUEST FOR TRANSFER, AND FINALLY THE ORDER CAME THROUGH...

YOUR PLANE IS READY, STRONG. YOU'LL REPORT ABOARD THE LEXINGTON AT ONCE. GOODBYE, AND NO HARD FEELINGS!

OKAY, CAPTAIN RORKE... BUT BEFORE I GO, I'M LEAVING YOU A LITTLE SOUVENIR... AND HERE IT IS!

AS FROM A NEARBY SUBMARINE, A WATCHFUL EYE FOLLOWED THE CARRIER'S COURSE...

...SLOWLY, THE BIG SHIP ALTERED COURSE... CLOSER IT STEAMED TO THE HIDDEN AMBUSH...

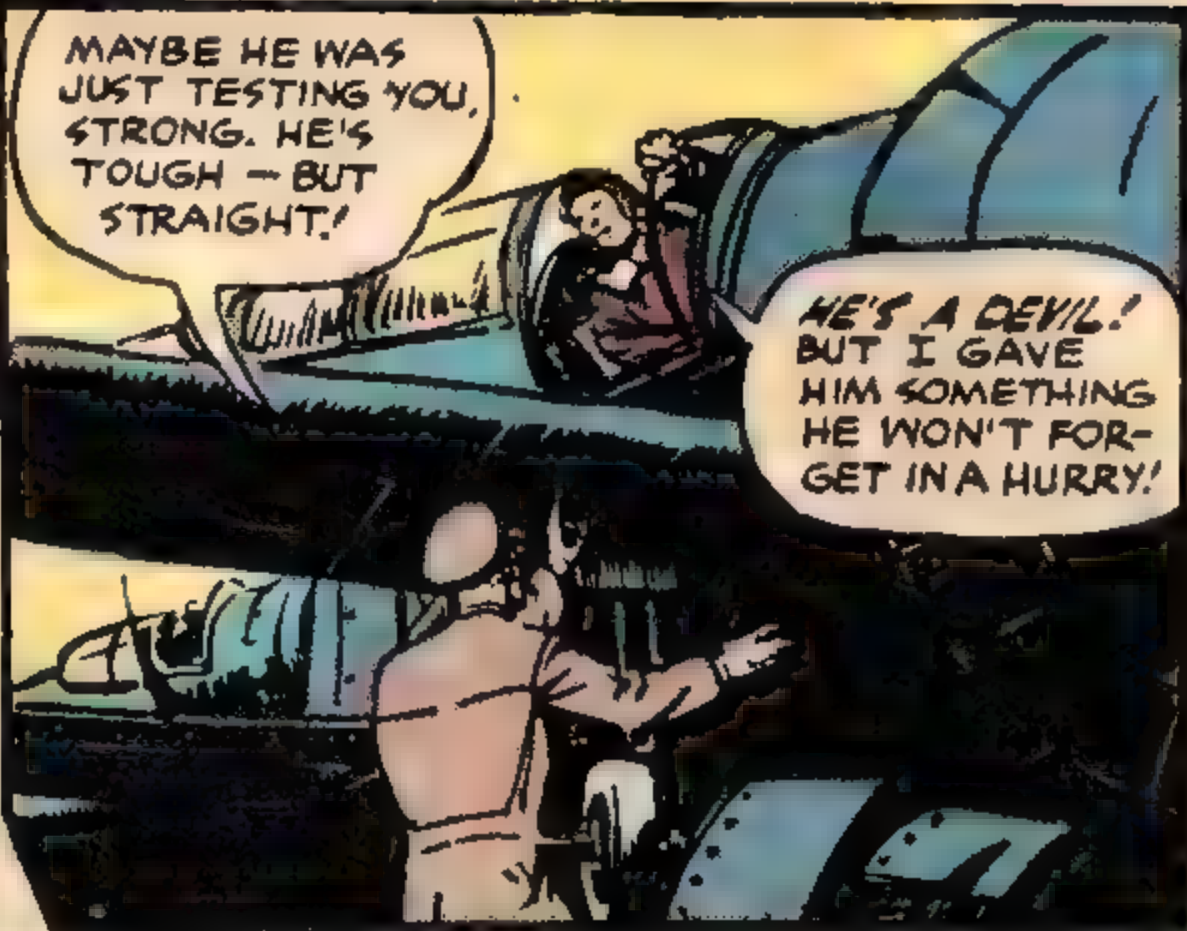


WHILE
ON THE
CARRIER...

THE OLD MAN WON. HE MADE
ME INTO A QUITTER. BUT IF
I'D STAYED ANY LONGER, I'D
HAVE GONE NUTS!

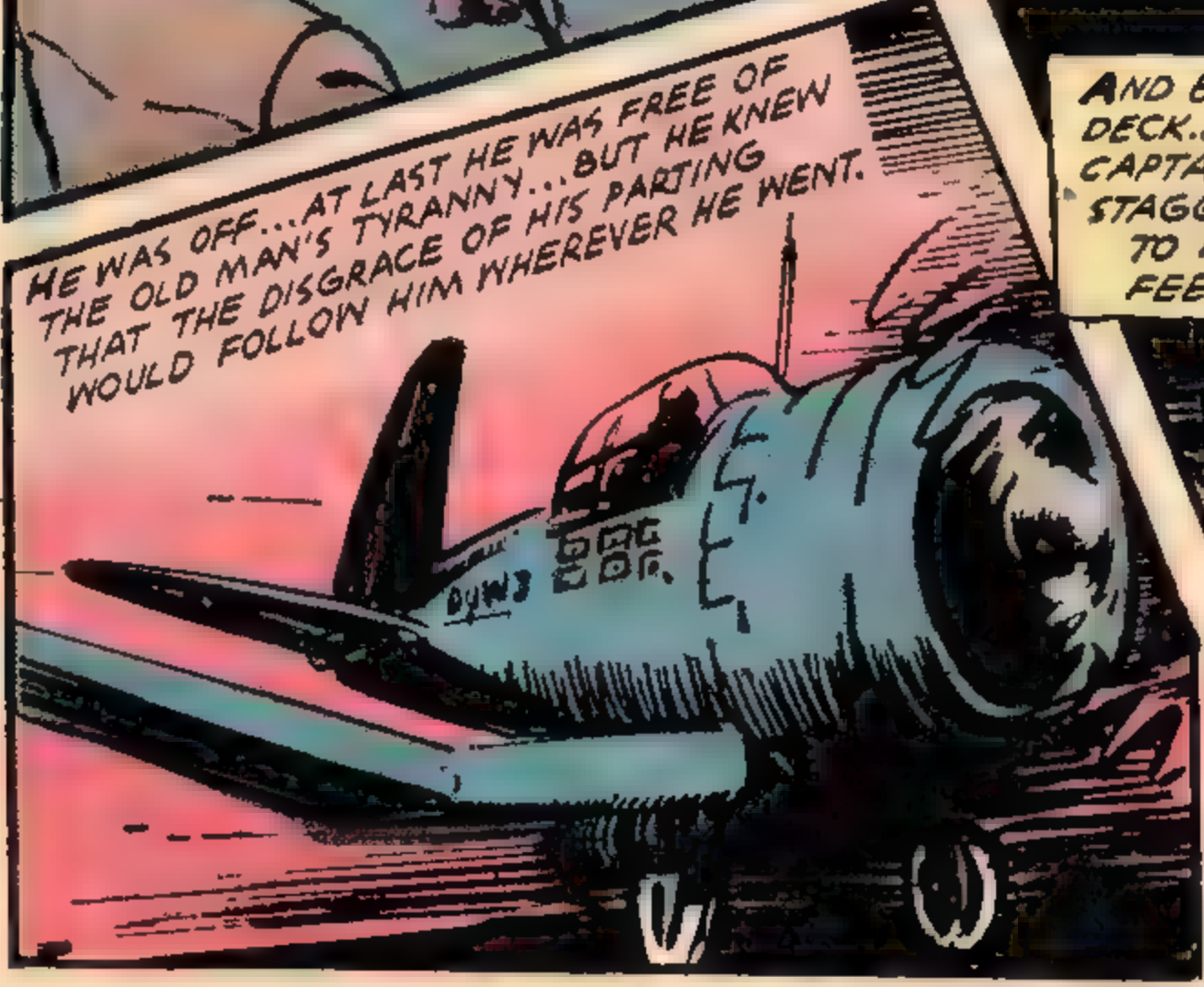


MAYBE HE WAS
JUST TESTING YOU,
STRONG. HE'S
TOUGH - BUT
STRAIGHT!



HE'S A DEVIL!
BUT I GAVE
HIM SOMETHING
HE WON'T FOR-
GET IN A HURRY!

HE WAS OFF... AT LAST HE WAS FREE OF
THE OLD MAN'S TYRANNY... BUT HE KNEW
THAT THE DISGRACE OF HIS PARTING
WOULD FOLLOW HIM WHEREVER HE WENT.

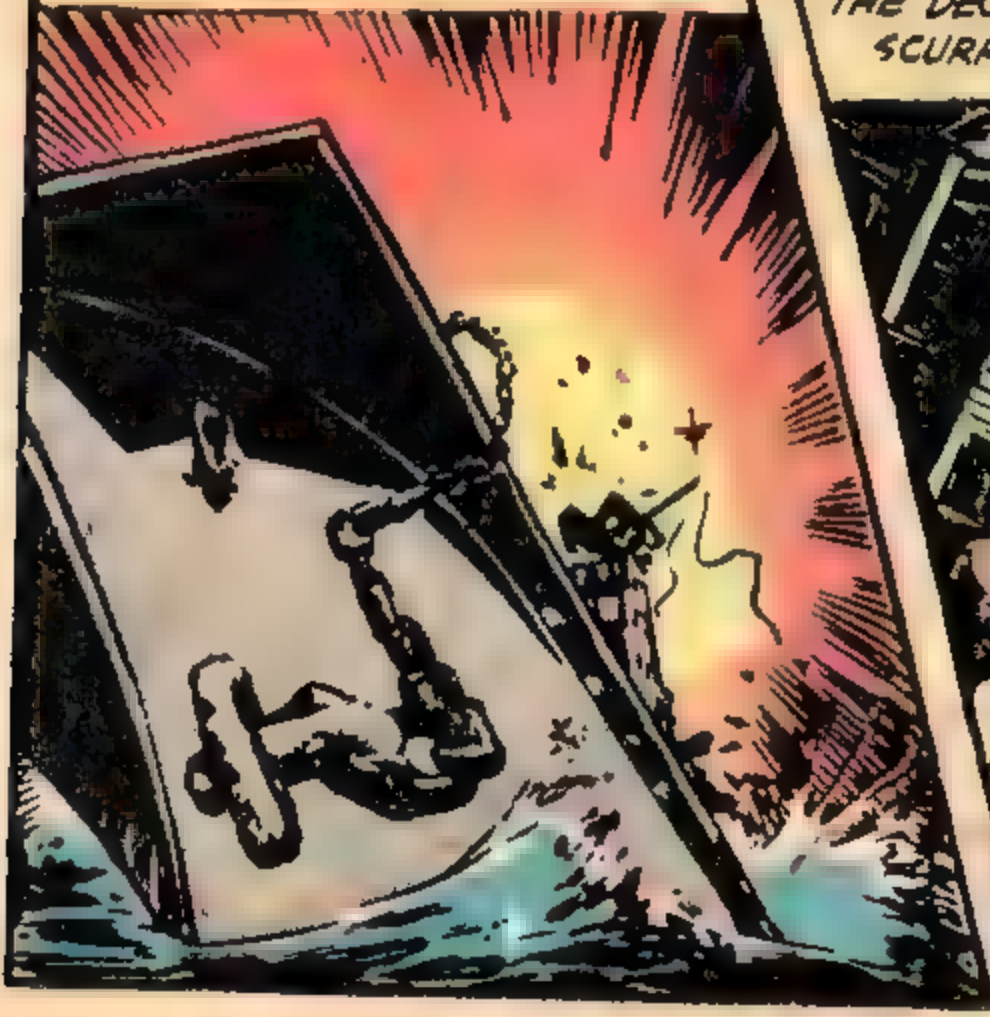


AND BELOW
DECK... THE
CAPTAIN
STAGGERED
TO HIS
FEET...

THE YOUNG FOOL... I GUESS
I HAD IT COMING... BUT I DID
PROMISE HIS FATHER I'D TRY
TO MAKE A MAN OF HIM. WHAT!



THE CARRIER LURCHED AND
SHUDDERED FROM THE BLOW..
THE ENEMY SUB HAD STRUCK!



INSTANTLY, MAD
SCRAMBLING TO
EMERGENCY STATIONS...
THE DECK ALIVE WITH
SCURRYING MEN...



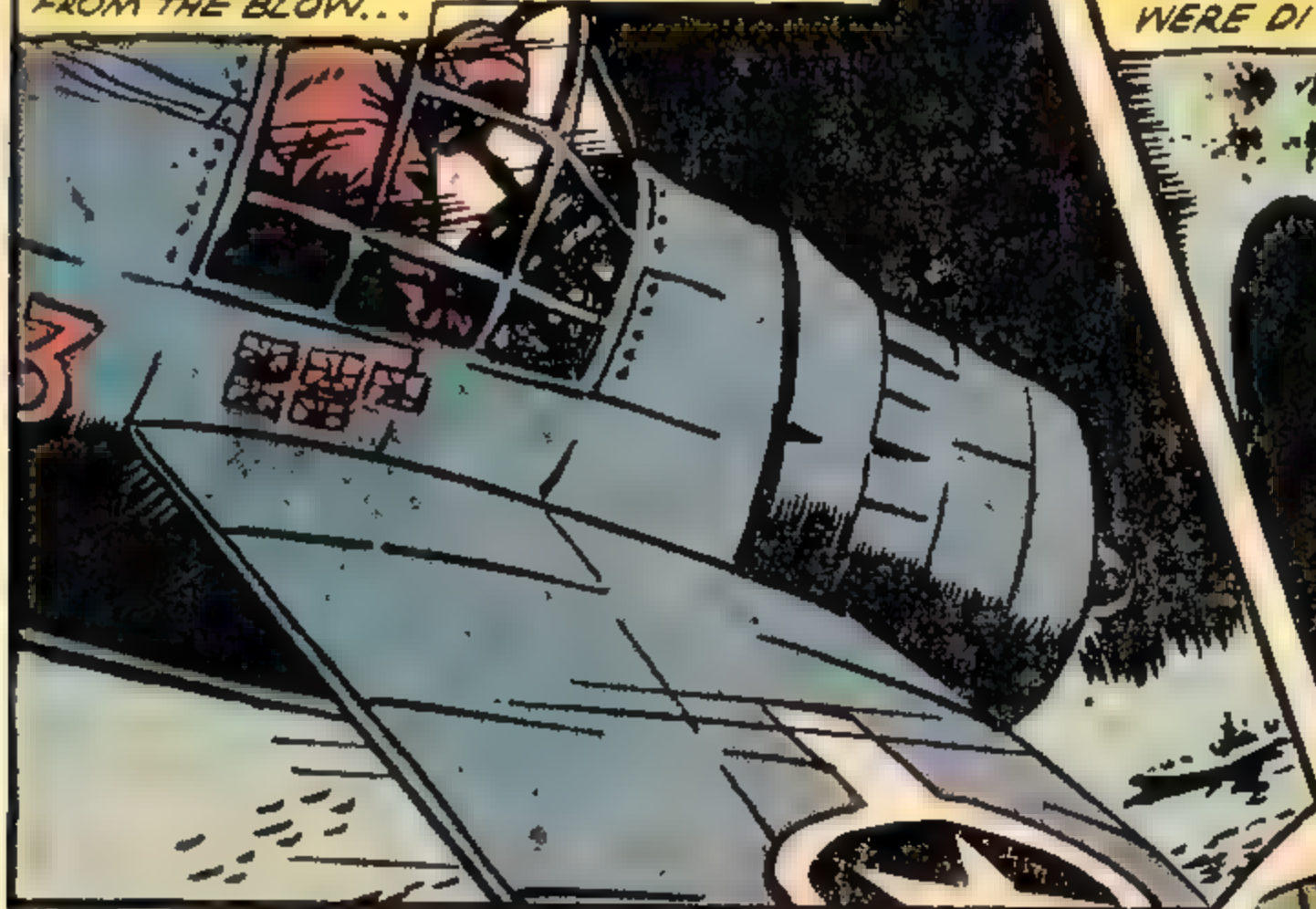
THE THE CAPTAIN STAGGERED
FROM THE CABIN...

YOU'VE BEEN
HURT, SIR?

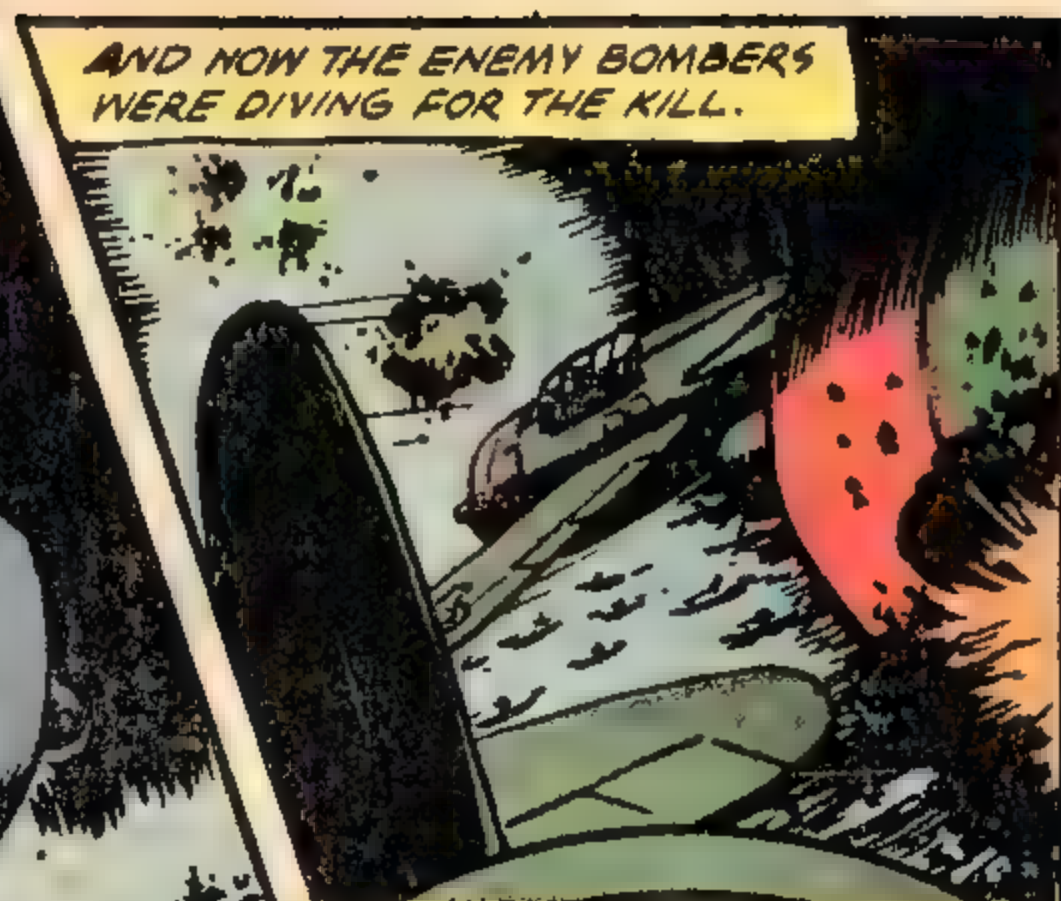
IT'S NOTHING... THE
ENEMY WILL BE
THROWING THEIR
PLANES AT US... MAN
THOSE A.A. BATTERIES!



AND FROM ABOVE, STRONG HEARD THE BLAST... SAW THE BIG CARRIER LIMPING FROM THE BLOW...

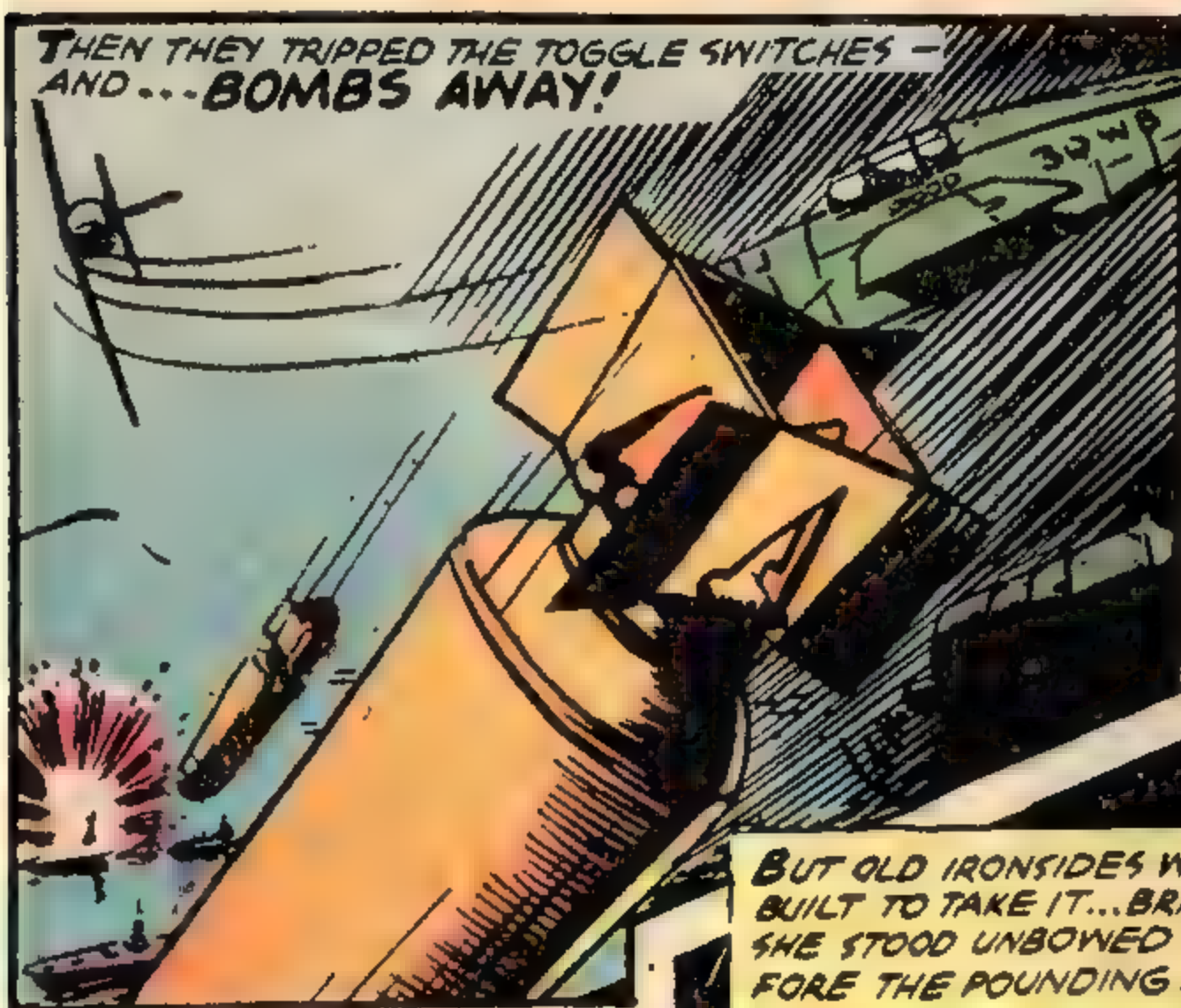


AND NOW THE ENEMY BOMBERS WERE DIVING FOR THE KILL.

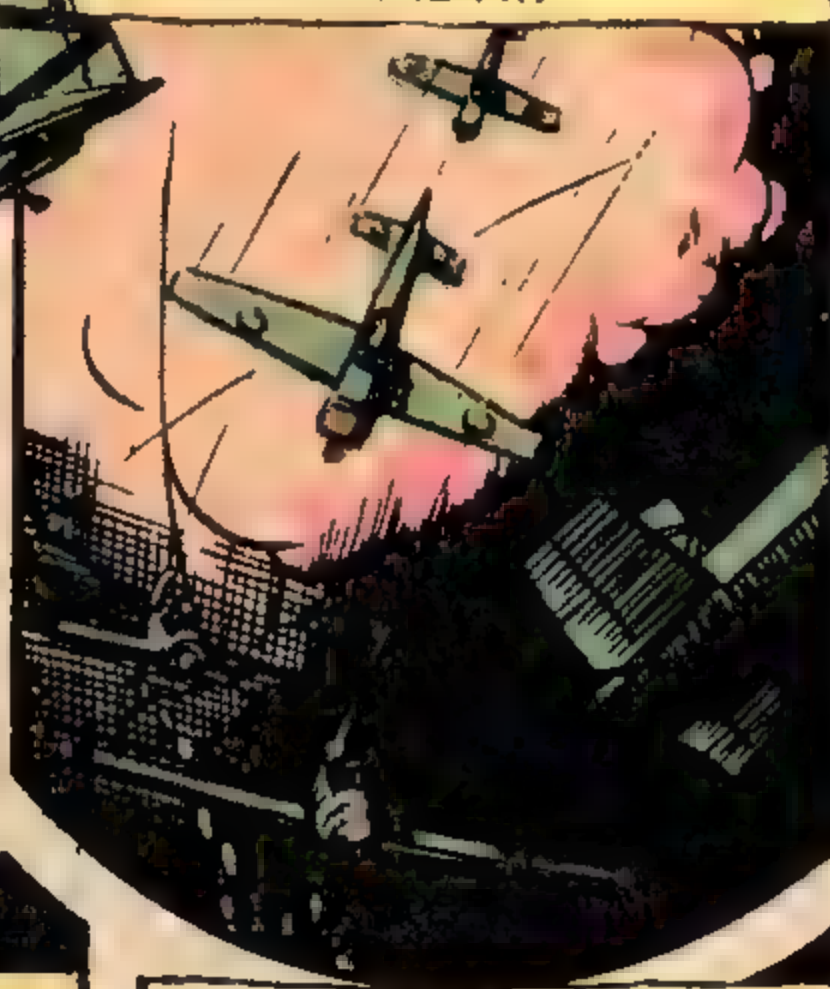


ONE BY ONE THEY PEELED OFF FROM FORMATION... TO POUR MORE OF THOSE DEATH-DEALERS ON THE CRIPPLED CARRIER...

THEN THEY TRIPPED THE TOGGLE SWITCHES - AND... BOMBS AWAY!

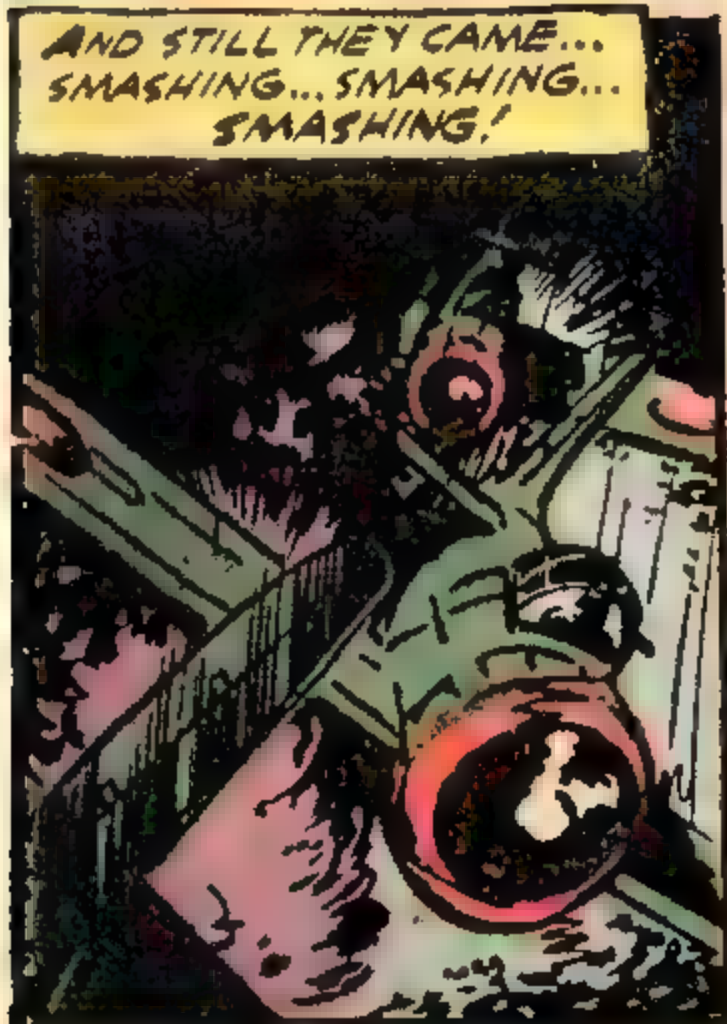


BUT OLD IRONSIDES WAS BUILT TO TAKE IT... BRAVELY SHE STOOD UNBOWED BEFORE THE POUNDING...



MEANWHILE, LIEUTENANT STRONG'S GRUDGE FORGOTTEN, HE HAD STARTED PECKING AT THOSE GIANT WAR-BIRDS.

AND STILL THEY CAME... SMASHING... SMASHING... SMASHING!



I'VE GOT TWO OF THEM ALREADY... AND THAT WON'T BE ALL!



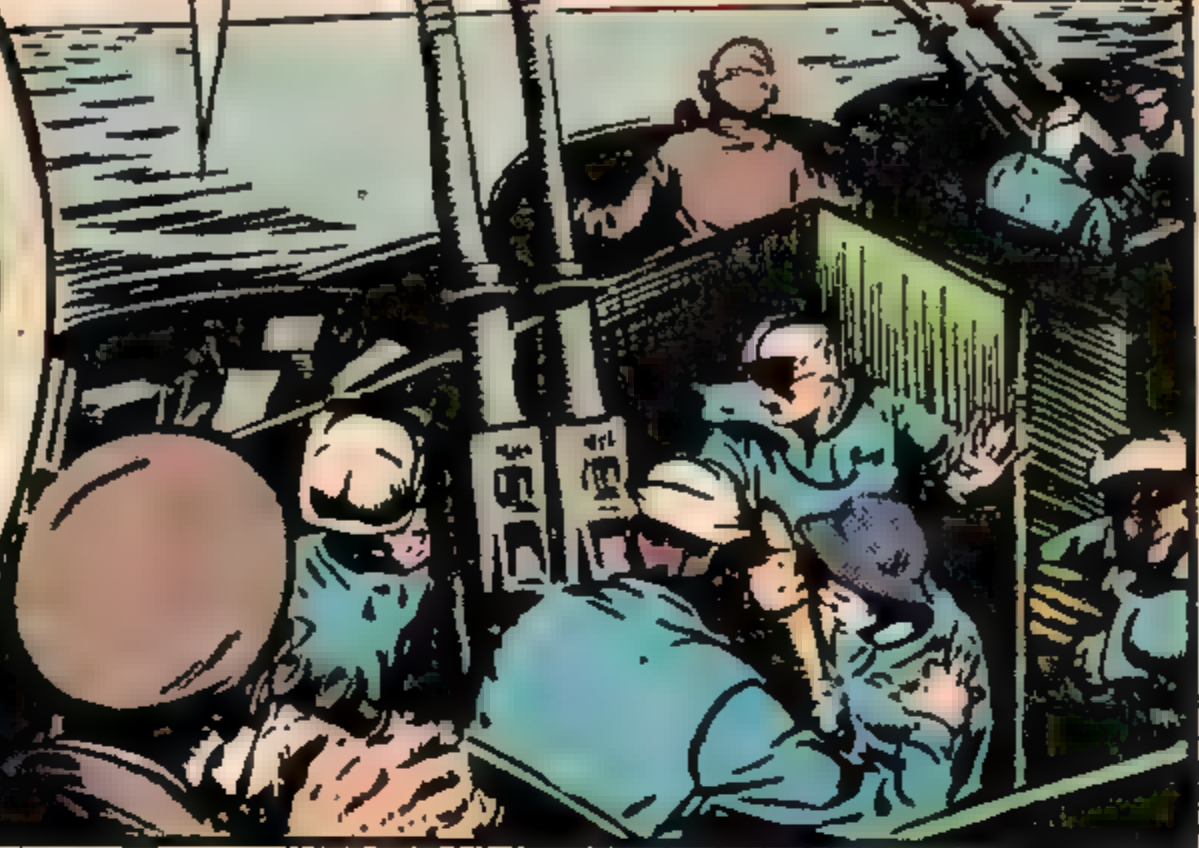
AND BELOW, THE
STARBOARD
SPOTTER WAS
SCREAMING...

LOOK AT
STRONG GO! HE
JUST SOCKED
ANOTHER ONE!

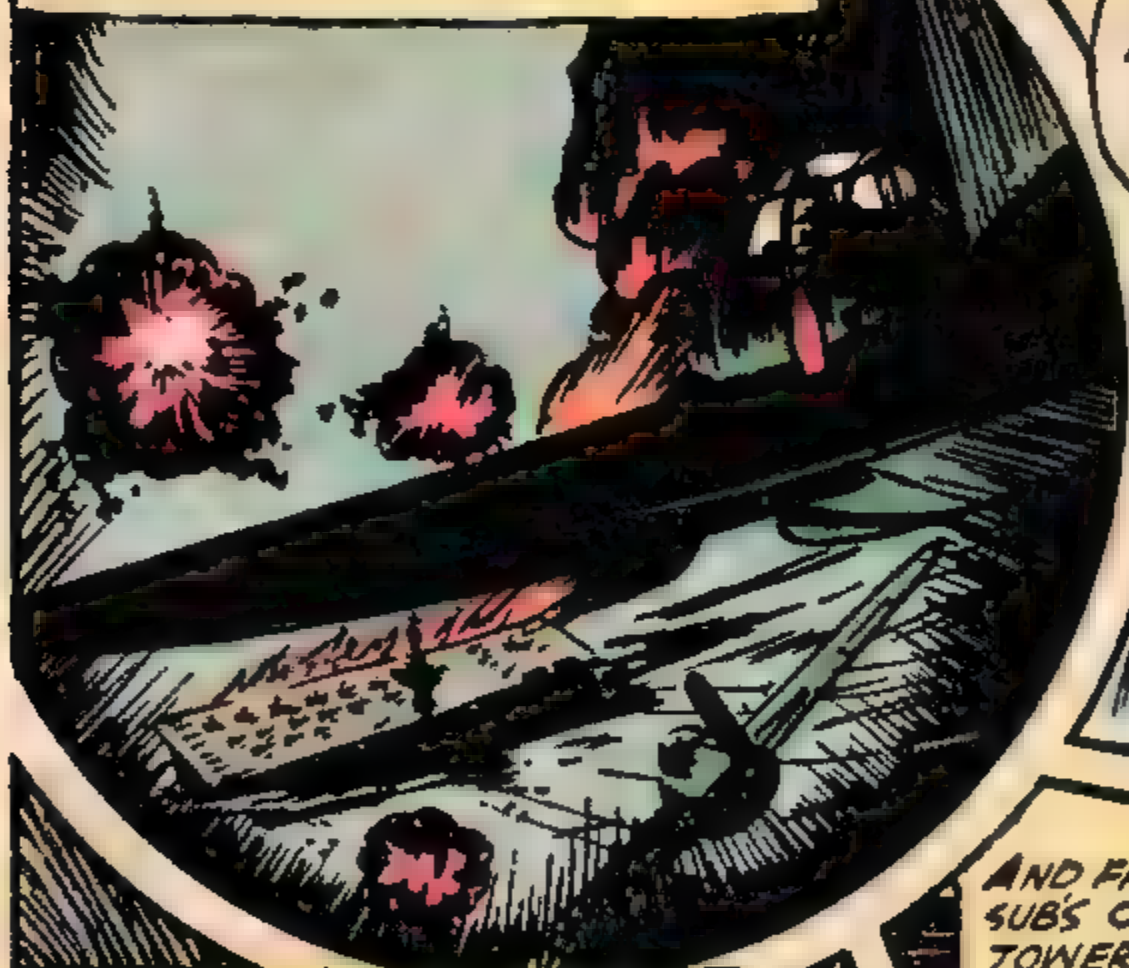


THE BOYS GOT
GUTS...HIS FATHER
WOULD BE PROUD
OF HIM NOW.

LOOK AT HIM CHASE
THAT ONE...COME ON,
MEN - GET THOSE
GUNS BARKING!

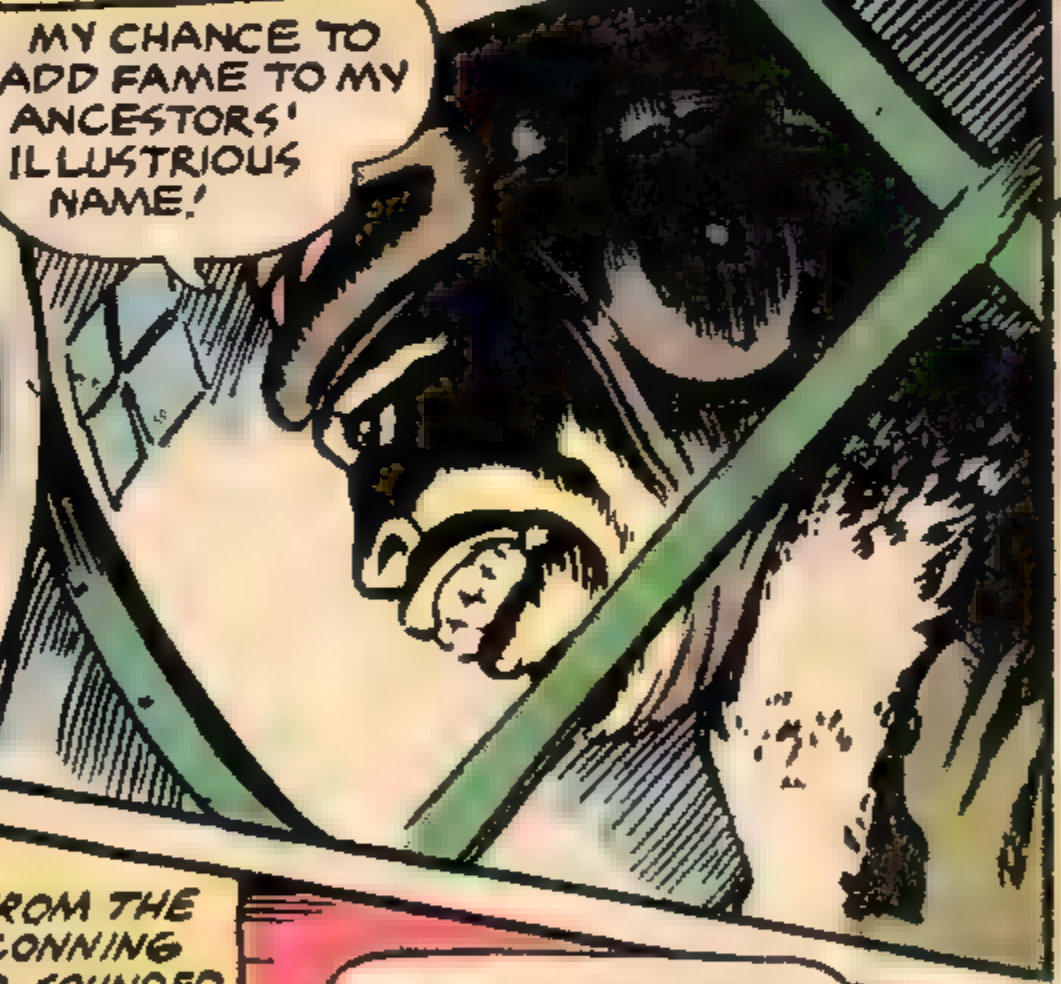


SOME WERE DOWNED, BUT MANY
GOT THROUGH...AND NOW THE SHIP
WAS A BURNING INFERNO.

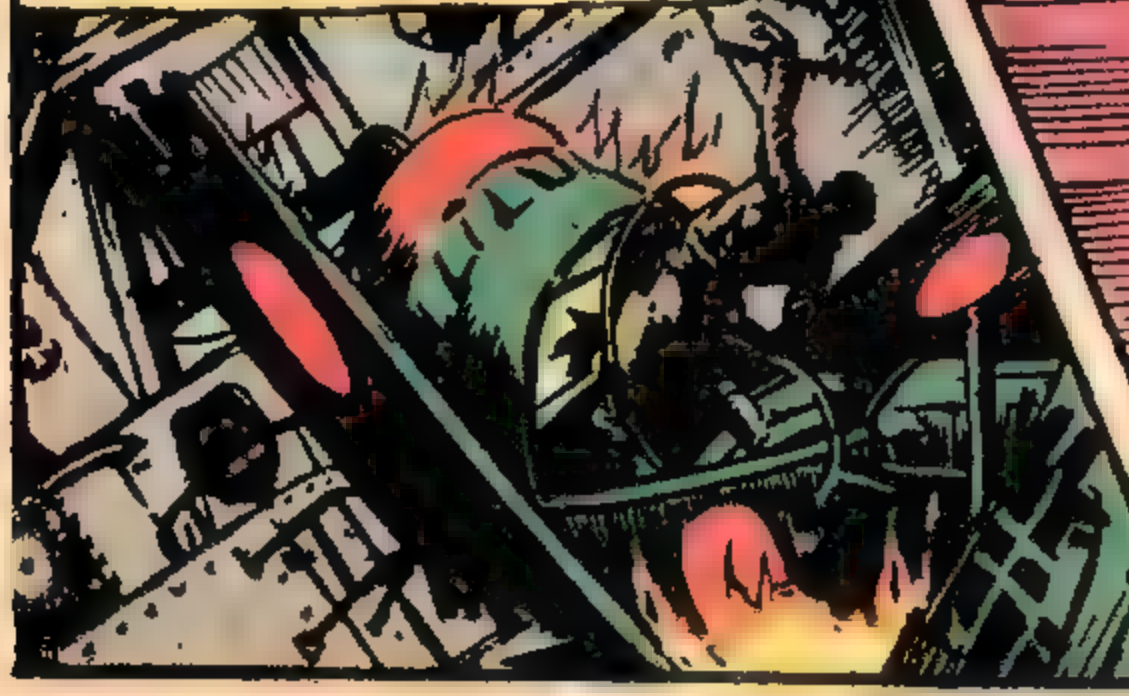


THEN A BANZAI FOOL
WAS SCREAMING...

MY CHANCE TO
ADD FAME TO MY
ANCESTORS'
ILLUSTRIOUS
NAME!



DOWN HE PLUNGED...STRUCK
HARD...OLD IRONSIDES SPLIT
WIDE OPEN...



AND FROM THE
SUB'S CONNING
TOWER SOUNDED
THE VICTORY
SHOUTS...

WE HAVE WON...THE
SHIP IS SINKING...BUT
THAT YANKEE PLANE
IS ESCAPING!



THE FIGHT WAS OVER. STRONG HAD DONE HIS BEST... SO NOW HE FLED. BUT A BULLET HAD CREASED HIS FOREHEAD, HIS GAS TANK MARKER FLUTTERED ON EMPTY. AND NOTHING BUT WATER BELOW!

WHAT'S THE USE? I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE. WHAT'S THAT?

A SIGNAL BEAM! BUT NO SHIPS IN THIS AREA... WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

THEN SUDDENLY A RADIO VOICE WAS CALLING...

COME IN, LIEUT. STRONG. COME IN!

IT'S A CARRIER - AND A FIGURE WAVING ME IN - WHY - IT CAN'T BE! BUT IT IS - IT'S OLD IRONSIDES!

AND SECONDS LATER, HE WAS LANDING ON THE SHIP HE HAD SEEN GO DOWN... HEARD VOICES OF MEN HE KNEW HAD DIED...

TAKE IT EASY, BOY... WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU. I TOLD YOU THE OLD MAN ALWAYS LIKED YOU!

SURE, PHIL... I WAS JUST GIVING YOU THE SAME TREATMENT YOUR FATHER GAVE ME. THAT'S THE WAY HE WANTED IT! BUT MAYBE I DID POUR IT ON A LITTLE TOO HEAVY!

WAS IT THE WIND WHISTLING THROUGH THE PROP THAT HUMMED THOSE WORDS IN HIS DEAD-ENED MIND? WAS IT THE MONOTONOUS COUGHING OF A DYING MOTOR THAT FORMED THOSE SHADOWS BEFORE HIS WEARY EYES?

THE OLD MAN WAS GIVING YOU THOSE TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS SO HE COULD RECOMMEND YOU FOR PROMOTION...

AND I LET HIM DOWN... I QUIT...

WE INSTALLED AN EMERGENCY TANK, CAPTAIN. WE'LL HAVE IT FILLED IN A JIFFY.

GOOD, WE'RE READY TO TAKE OFF.

THERE, STRONG, EVERYTHING'S JAKE. I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU FOR AWHILE.

I'M TAKING YOU BACK, LIEUTENANT—THEY NEED YOU THERE.

YOU DID PROVE YOURSELF, PHIL... YOU BATTLED THOSE BOMBERS LIKE A REAL HERO. YOUR FATHER AND I WILL BOTH BE PROUD OF YOU. SO LONG.

AND SOON, ON THE DECK OF THE LEXINGTON.

IT'S ONE OF OUR PLANES, CAPTAIN!

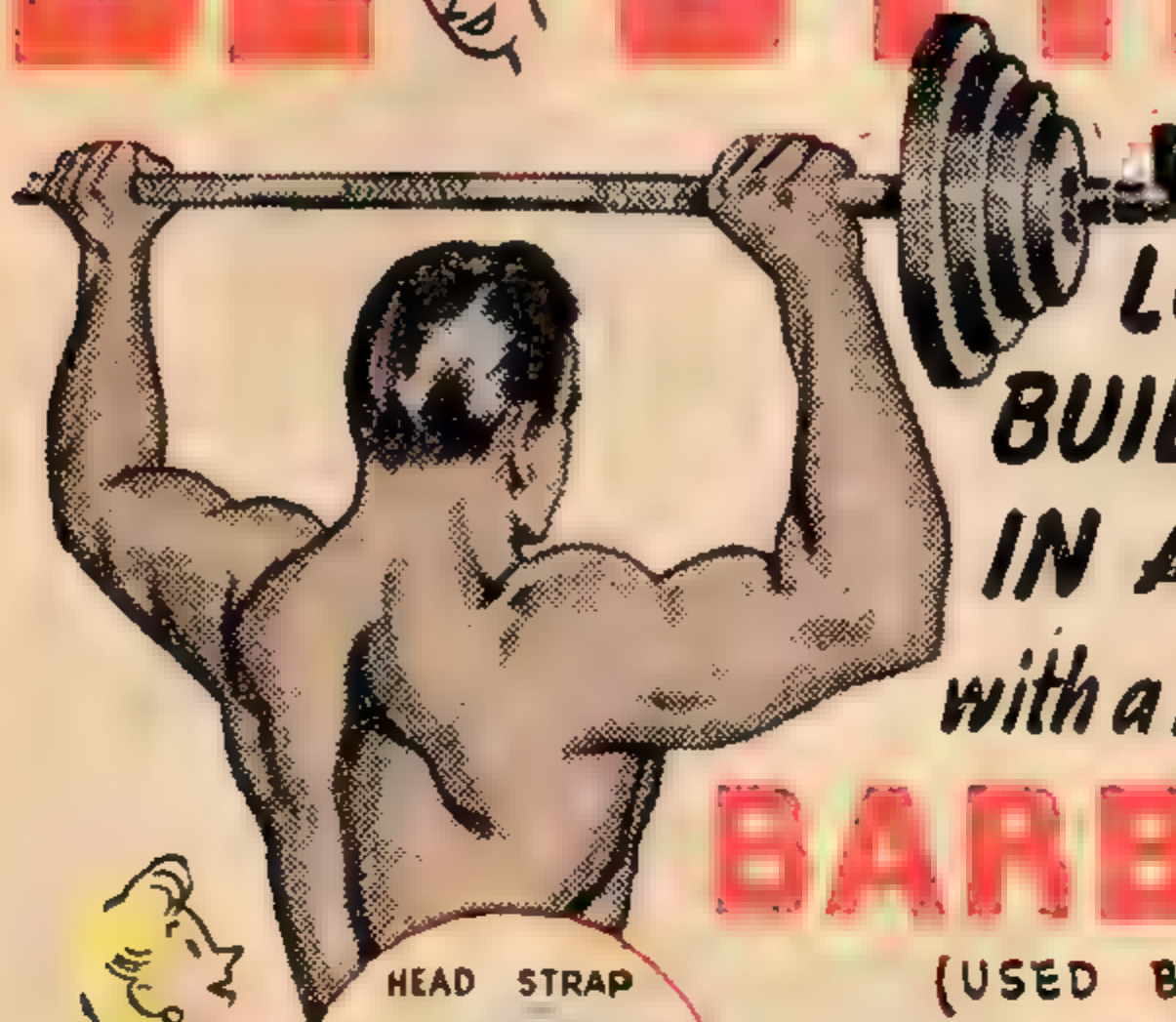
BUT WHERE DID IT COME FROM? OUR REPORT SAID OLD IRONSIDES WENT DOWN THREE HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE!

YOU SAW THE SHIP SINK... FOUGHT THE JAPS, YET MADE IT HERE, LIEUTENANT?

THAT'S RIGHT... BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE OLD MAN'S GHOST... AND HIS SHIP.

"AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY! STRONG WAS OUT OF HIS HEAD!" THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID. BUT NONE HAVE YET BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE BLOODY BANDAGE AROUND HIS HEAD OR HOW HIS GAS TANK WAS STILL FULL AFTER THAT LONG FLIGHT.

BE STRONG!



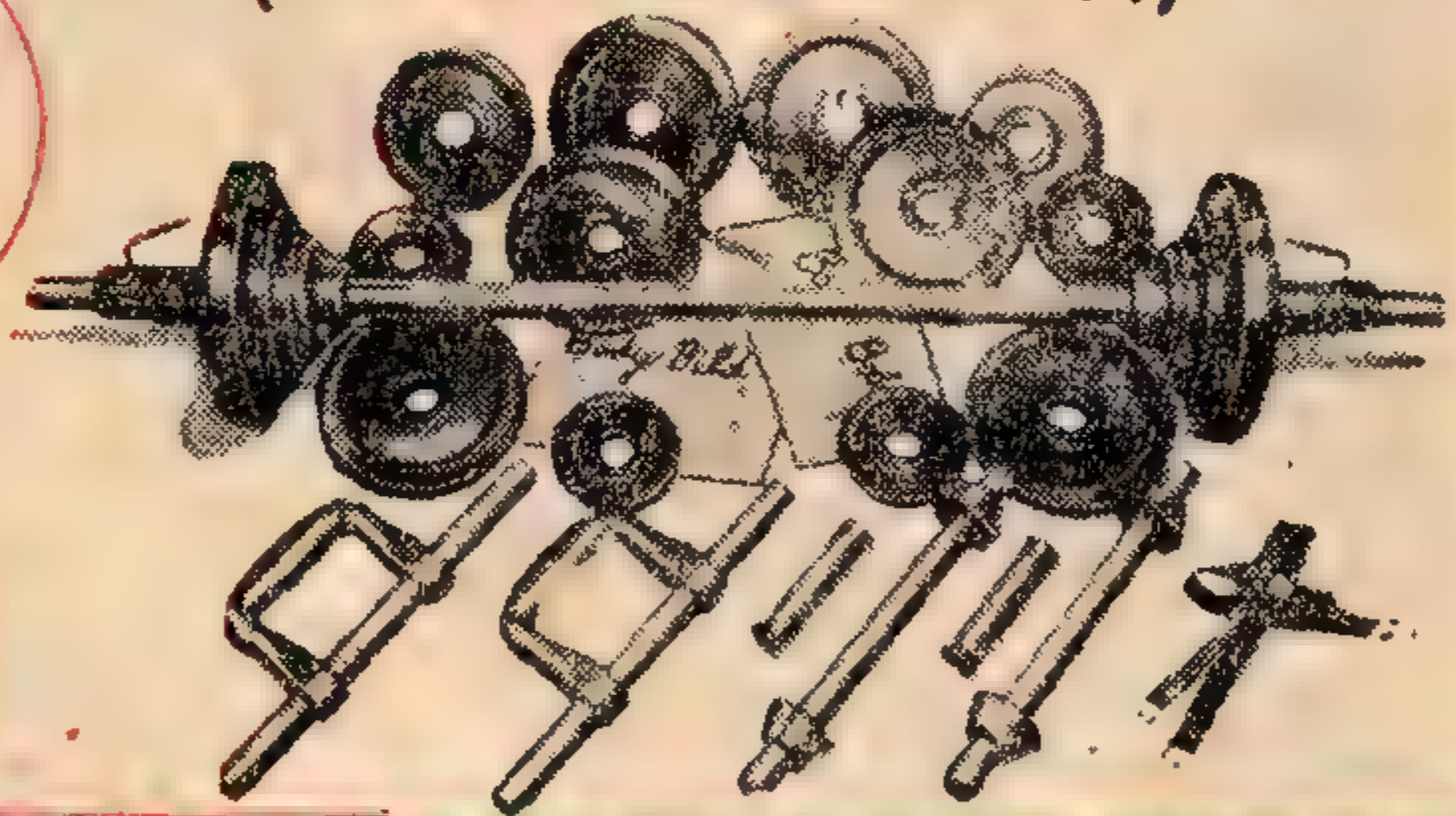
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"PULLING BONERS" on stamps, as described in a previous article, is the making of embarrassing mistakes by engravers who produce the designs which appear on stamps. In spite of careful research into old pictures and records these mistakes continue to occur and in the following paragraphs some of the recent "boners" are explained.

In 1933, Canada issued a 5-cent stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first passage under steam by the steamship Royal William. This vessel was a paddle wheeler, whereas the engraver unwittingly shows the Royal William to be a screw-propeller type of ship.

A really embarrassing mistake or prize "boner", occurred on the Soviet Russian stamp of 1936, issued in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Nicolai Dobrolubov, a famous Russian revolutionary writer and critic. The portrait on the stamp shows Nicolai Dobrolubov, however, beneath his portrait appears the caption A. N. Dobrolubov, the name of a mystical religious poet who is detested by the Communists.

On the stamps of Gambia, the British colony in West Africa, there appeared in the 1922 issue a picture of an elephant with its hind legs formed like those of a horse. Elephants have only two rear leg joints whereas a horse has more than two. Stamp collectors called attention to this error and it was widely published. However, in 1938 when the new series of stamps showing King George VI appeared, the same elephant with the faulty legs was reproduced.

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The Australian commemorative set of 1937, issued on the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, depicts Governor Phillip landing at Sydney Cove in 1788 wearing epaulettes on his shoulder. According to the author of British Naval Customs and Traditions, epaulettes were not worn on uniforms until 1795.

Another error was the one detected by New Zealand stamp collectors who discovered that the 1-pence stamp of the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce issue of 1936, showing a truck, carried a license plate number valid only for passenger cars.

The GHOST Gallery

THE CAR RACED WILDLY THROUGH THE NIGHT... TWO PEOPLE FROM THE LIFE THAT WAS... HURRYING TO UNVEIL THE FUTURE..

"FLEE THE PHANTOMS!"

WON'T WE EVER GET THERE, HOWARD? THE TRIP SEEMS ENDLESS.

PERHAPS SOME MUSIC WILL MAKE IT PASS FASTER... LISTEN... IT'S A NEWS BROADCAST.

NOW FOR A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NEWS... LEILA D'ADORR, FAMOUS ACTRESS, BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE AT STRAND THEATRE IN SAN FRANCISCO...

...SENATOR PAYNE KILLED BY FALL FROM HORSE AT HIS HOME IN MIAMI... BALDY DANA, GANGSTER, FACES HANGMAN TONIGHT AT DEER LODGE, MONTANA..

TURN IT OFF! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR OF DEATH TONIGHT!

...HE SNAPPED IT OFF... THEY RODE IN SILENCE... WHEN SUDDENLY...

TOO LATE THE WARNING... A SICKENING CRASH SPLIT THE STILLNESS

STOP! THERE'S A ROADBLOCK AHEAD... STOP!

AND SECONDS LATER...

I'LL BE BACK THELDA! I'LL HAVE TO GET HELP TO MOVE THE CAR!

THEN HE SCRAMBLED
TO THE ROAD, AND
SOON...



A BUS! SOMEONE
IN IT WILL HELP
ME!

SECONDS
LATER...

COME ON... CLIMB ABOARD!
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP ON
SCHEDULE.



BUT A GIRL'S
PINNED UNDER
A CAR! SHE'S
DYING! I NEED
HELP!

BUT HE WAS PUSHED ON BOARD,
WITH PROTESTS UNHEEDED. FOR
SECONDS HE STOOD DAZED AND
BLINKING...



BETTER RIDE ON...NEXT
STOP...GET HELP...I MUST
BE HURT...THESE LIGHTS
KEEP BLINKING...FACES
LOOK SO QUEER.

BUT ALTHOUGH
NONE OF
THE PASSENGERS
OFFERED TO
LEAVE THE
BUS TO
HELP... HE
SAW
SYMPATHY
IN THEIR
FACES...
HEARD THEM
SPEAKING
SORROWFULLY...

WE'RE STARTING
AGAIN. YOU'D
BETTER SIT
DOWN!

THE NEXT
STOP IS A
LONG RIDE,
KID!

MY FRIENDS...
WILL THEY
RECOGNIZE
ME?

THERE'S
A VACANT
SEAT!

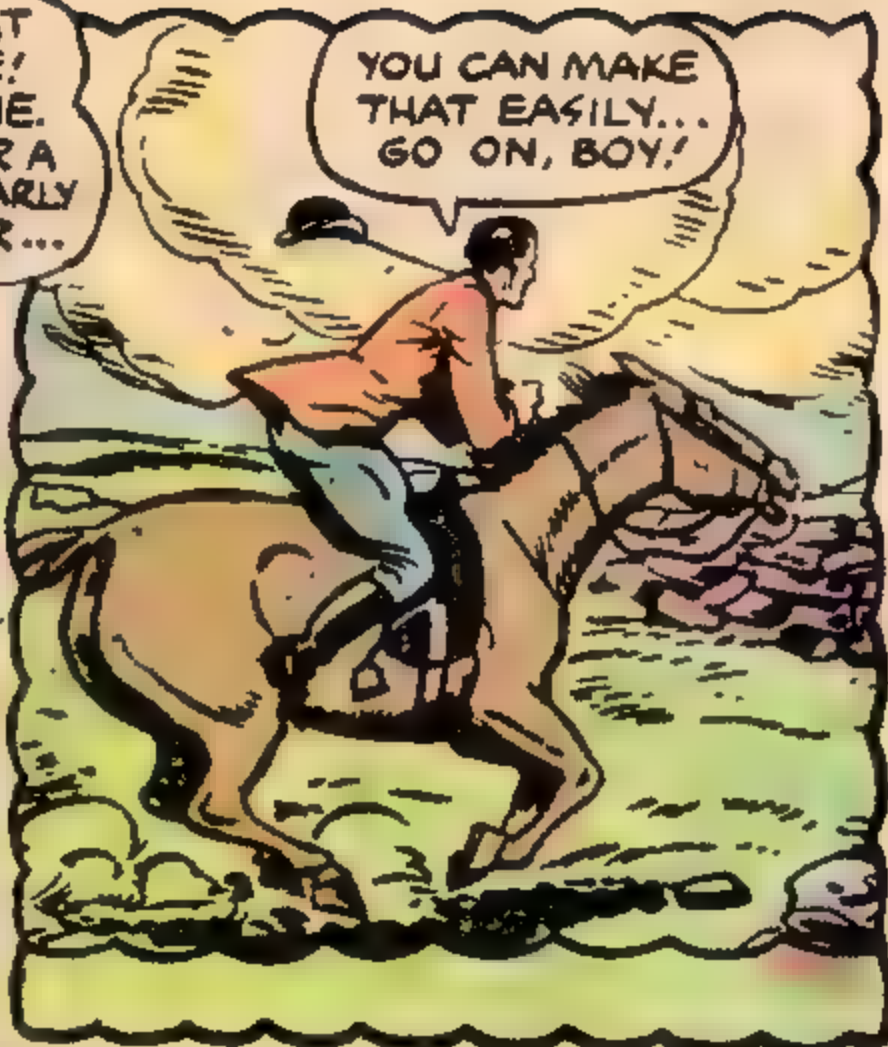
HEAD FEELS
DIZZY. SUCH
ROTTEN LUCK...
I SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN THE
MAIN ROAD...



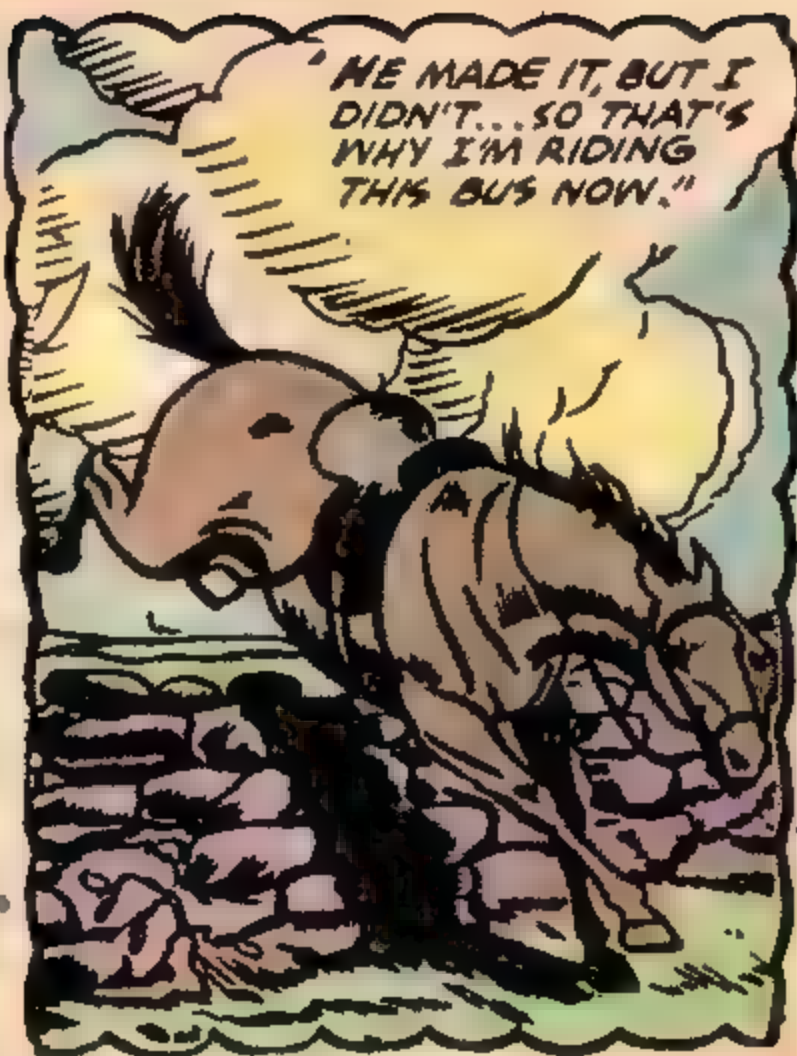
LUCK? LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! I'M SENATOR PAYNE. I WENT HOME FOR A REST...TOOK AN EARLY MORNING CANTER...



YOU CAN MAKE THAT EASILY... GO ON, BOY!



"HE MADE IT, BUT I DIDN'T... SO THAT'S WHY I'M RIDING THIS BUS NOW."



I'M LEILA D'ADORR, THE FAMOUS ACTRESS... DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT LUCK... I WAS IN MY DRESSING ROOM...



YOU'RE SMOKING TOO MUCH, LEILA. IT MIGHT HURT YOUR THROAT!



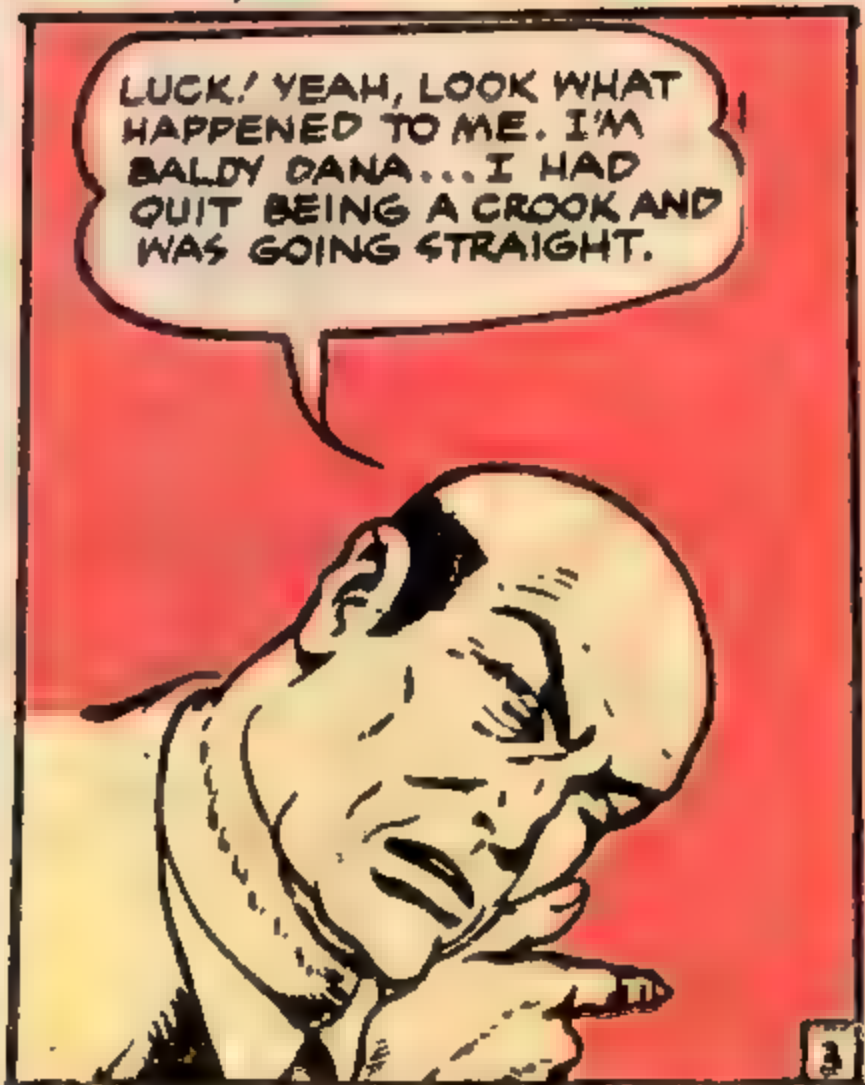
ARE YOU TELLING ME WHAT TO DO? REMEMBER YOUR PLACE...



"WHEN I TURNED, THE FLAME FROM MY LIGHTER TOUCHED THAT BENZENE CAN... I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OUT."



LUCK! YEAH, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. I'M BALDY DANA... I HAD QUIT BEING A CROOK AND WAS GOING STRAIGHT.



"I WENT INTO THE BANK TO
DEPOSIT MY DOUGH, WHEN
I SAW..."

TRYING TO KICK THAT ALARM,
EH, KID? THEN TAKE IT!

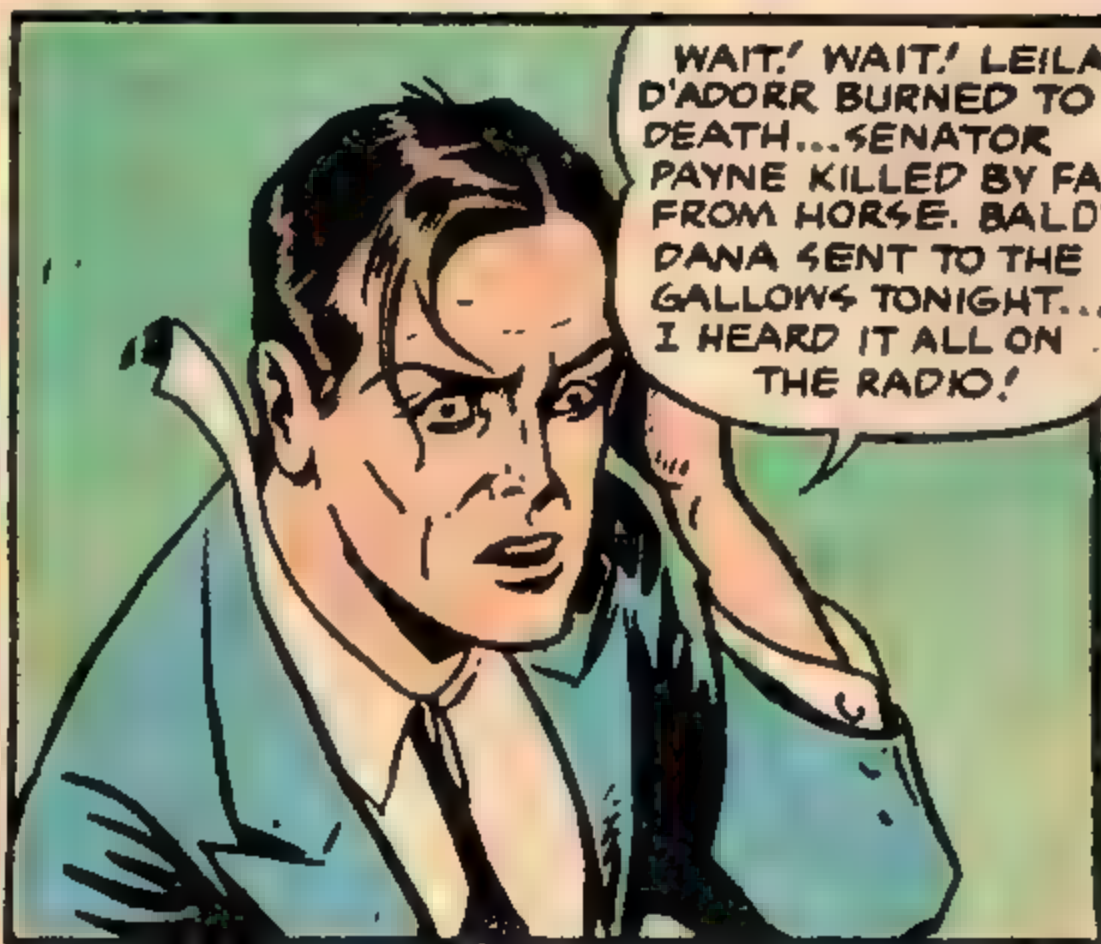


"I RAN OUTSIDE
AFTER THE CROOKS,
AND LIKE A FOOL
PICKED UP THE
GUN THEY'D DROPPED."

"THEN THE COPS GRABBED ME...
THE DEATH BULLET FITTED THE
GUN. THE CASE WAS CUT AND
DRIED."



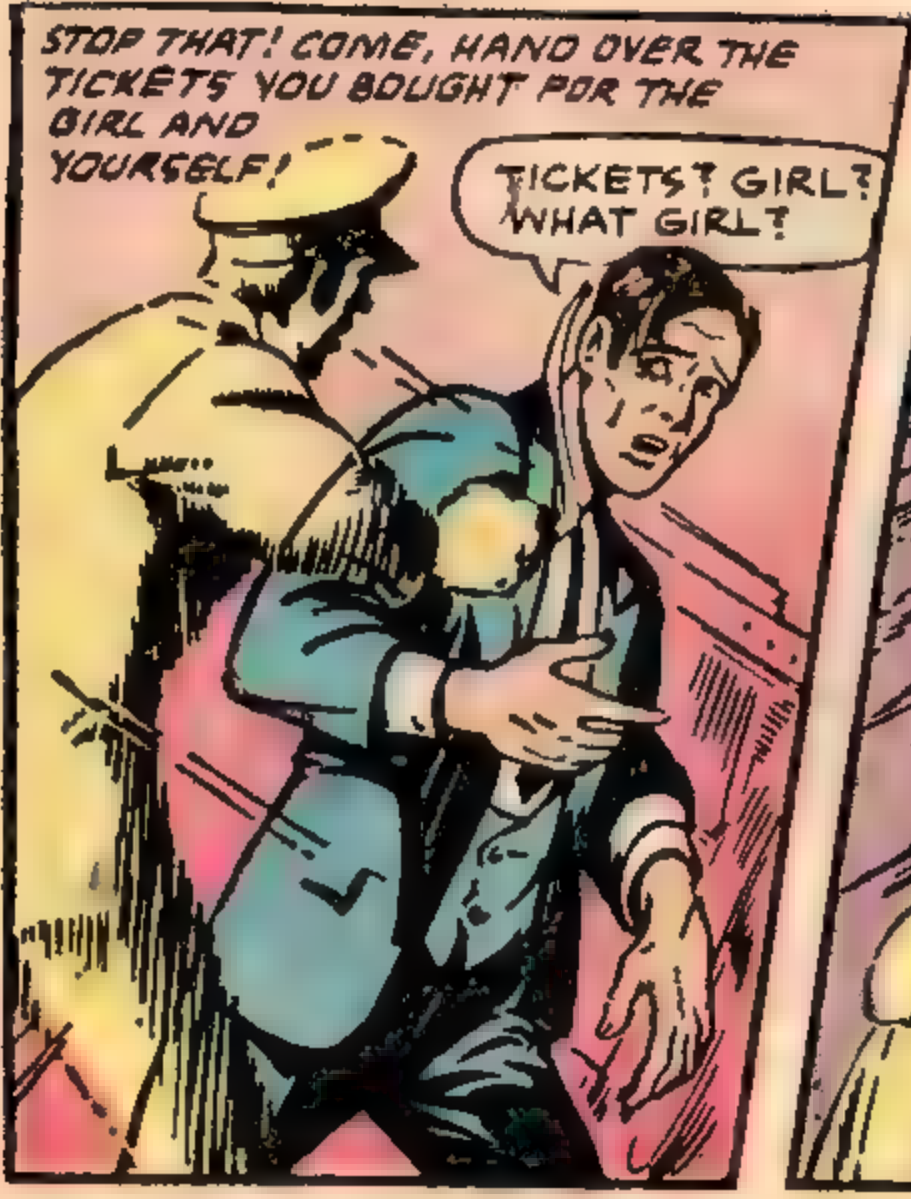
WAIT! WAIT! LEILA
D'ADORR BURNED TO
DEATH... SENATOR
PAYNE KILLED BY FALL
FROM HORSE. BALDY
DANA SENT TO THE
GALLOWS TONIGHT...
I HEARD IT ALL ON
THE RADIO!



THE REALIZATION STRUCK
HIM... HE LEAPED TO HIS
FEET IN FRENZY... RUSHED
TO THE DOOR...

LET ME OUT! LET ME
OUT! YOU'RE ALL DEAD... STOP
THE BUS! LET ME OUT!



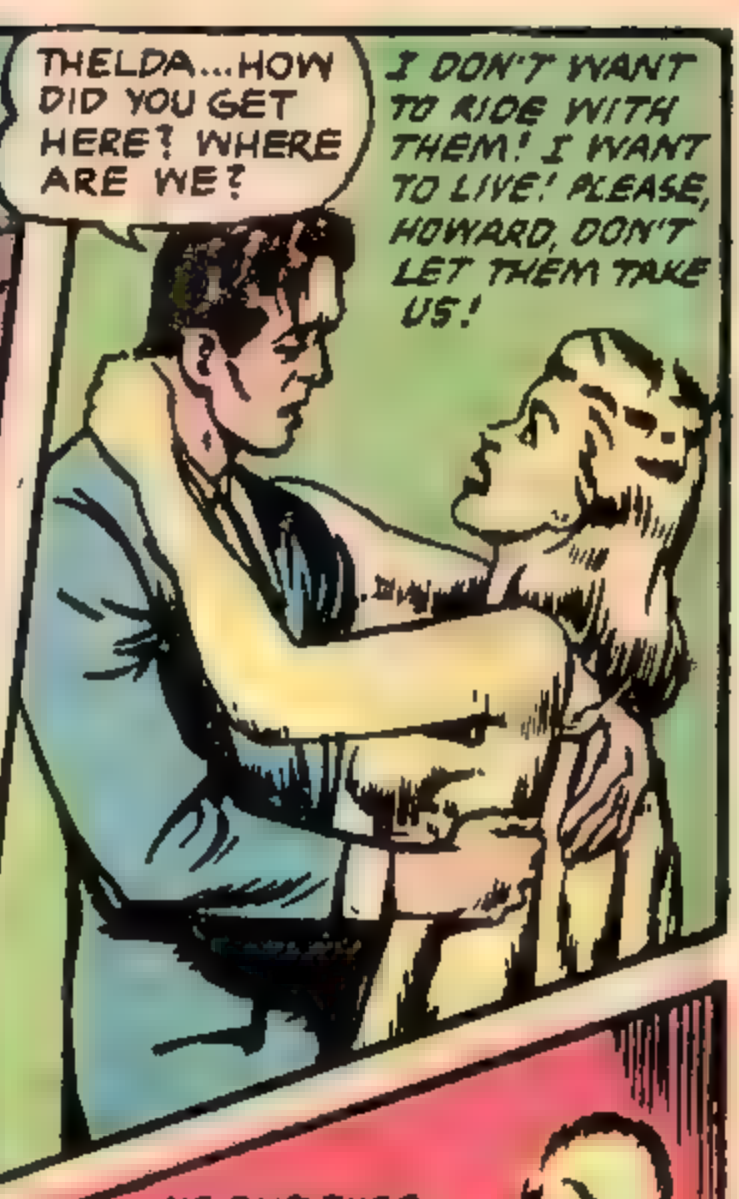


STOP THAT! COME, HAND OVER THE TICKETS YOU BOUGHT FOR THE GIRL AND YOURSELF!

TICKETS? GIRL? WHAT GIRL?



HE MEANS ME, HOWARD. I'VE BEEN SITTING IN THE REAR ALL THIS TIME!



THELDA...HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WHERE ARE WE?

I DON'T WANT TO RIDE WITH THEM! I WANT TO LIVE! PLEASE, HOWARD, DON'T LET THEM TAKE US!



HE CLUTCHED HER... FOUGHT HIS WAY TOWARD THE DOOR...

STOP THIS BUS! STOP IT!



NO ONE EVER GETS OFF!

BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW...WE WON'T LET YOU!



BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN...

STOP THIS BUS... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE US!

SORRY, MISTER...NO STOPS UNTIL WE REACH THE JUNCTION!



HE FOUGHT PAST THE DRIVER, YANKED AT THE WHEEL...

YOU WILL STOP! I'LL MAKE YOU!

THE BIG BUS CAREENED WILDLY.... BRAKES SCREAMED... RUBBER BURNED... THEN SUDDENLY HE WAS THERE BESIDE THELDA AGAIN.

I'VE GOT TO GET HELP... I CAN'T GET YOU OUT ALONE!

THEN WELCOME SHOUTS REACHED HIS EARS.

CAN YOU SEE THEM? ARE THEY ALIVE?

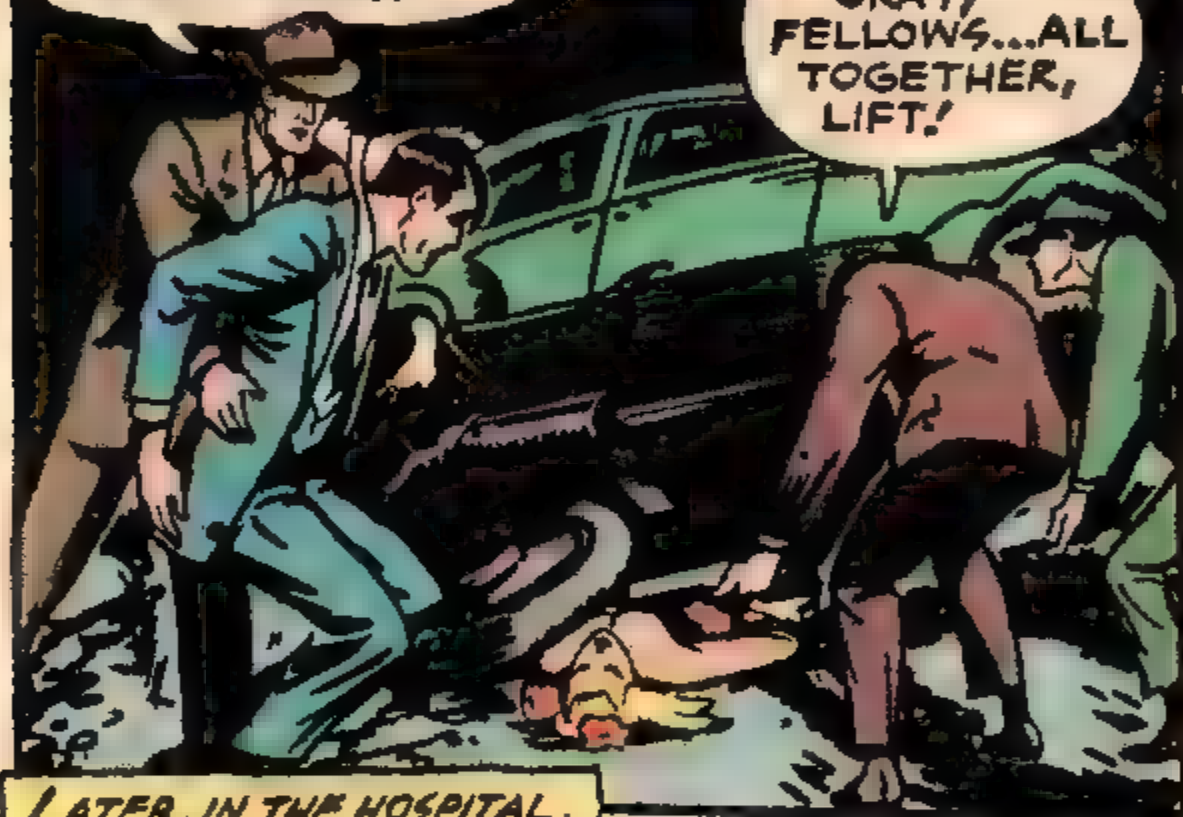
THIS WAY... THERE'S THE CAR!



ALL RIGHT, OLD MAN, TAKE IT EASY!

OKAY, FELLOWS... ALL TOGETHER, LIFT!

GET THIS MAN TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY... THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR THE GIRL!

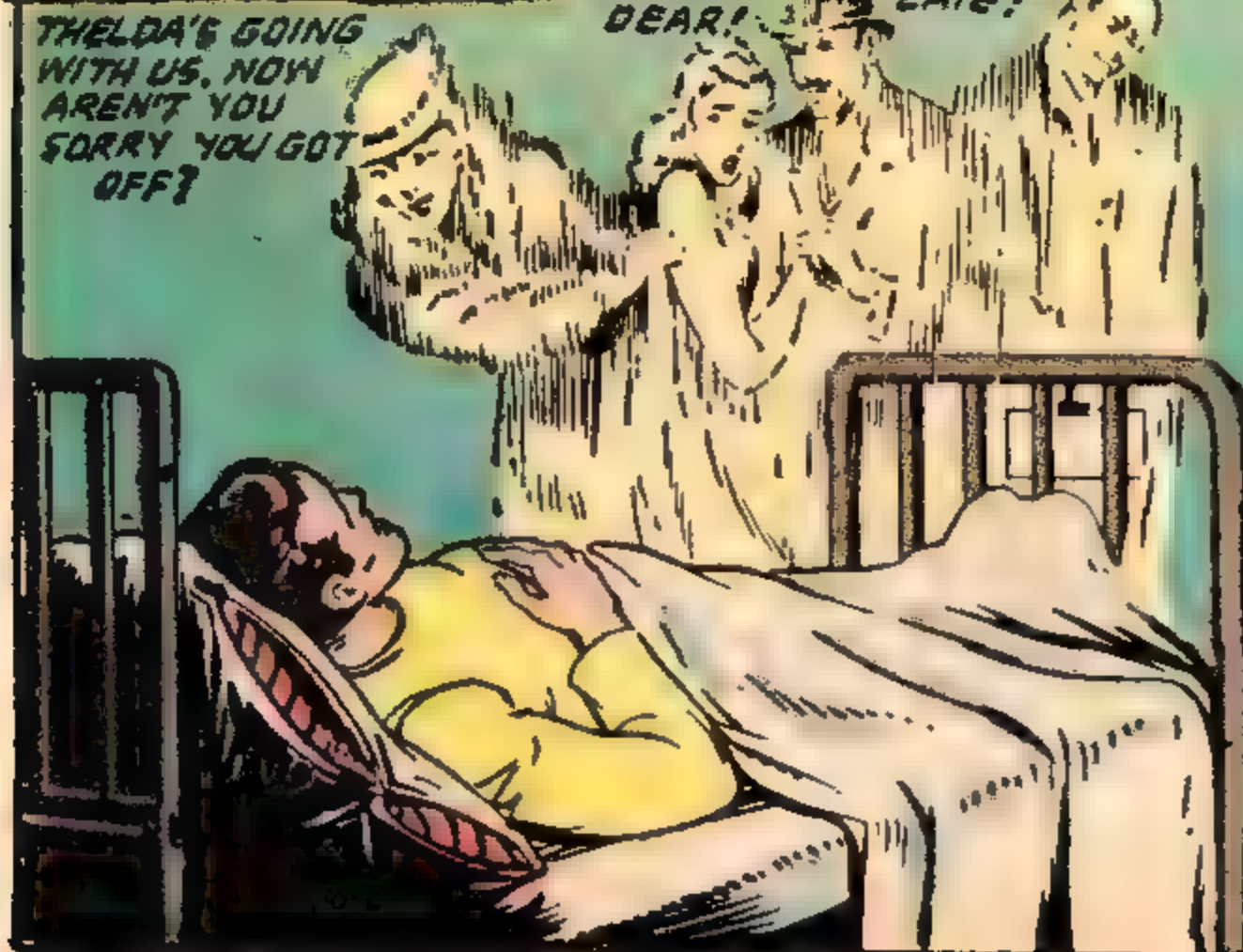


LATER, IN THE HOSPITAL, GHOSTLY FORMS SUDDENLY CAME CREEPING AROUND HIS BEDSIDE...

THELDA'S GOING WITH US. NOW AREN'T YOU SORRY YOU GOT OFF?

GOODBYE, HOWARD DEAR!

COME, IT'S GETTING LATE!



HOWARD SWEARS HE WAS ON THAT BUS THAT RUNS FROM THE PRESENT INTO THE PAST... AND THE PEOPLE HE SAW AND THE THINGS THEY SAID WERE AS REAL TO HIM AS THE AUTO CRASH THAT STOLE HIS SWEETHEART'S LIFE!

THE END

The GHOST Gallery

BY DREW MURDOCH

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"THE PARTING!"

MR. RUSSELL BURKE OF THE CITY WILL BE HOST TO HIS GENTLEMEN FRIENDS THIS EVENING. HE WILL MARRY MISS JANICE WARREN OF NEWPORT AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING...

ONE LAST DRINK TO BURY THE PAST AND TOAST THE FUTURE... FOR TOMORROW RUSS BURKE GRADUATES FROM PAUPER TO MILLIONAIRE!

...I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING... HERE'S TO YOU, MR. JERRY DINGLE, AND THE HAPPY HOURS WE SPENT TOGETHER...



HE DRANK, BUT AS THE LIQUOR BURNED HIS THROAT A GHOSTLY FORM TOOK SHAPE ABOVE THAT RAGGED CLOWN DUMMY. IT SEEMED TO ANSWER HIM...

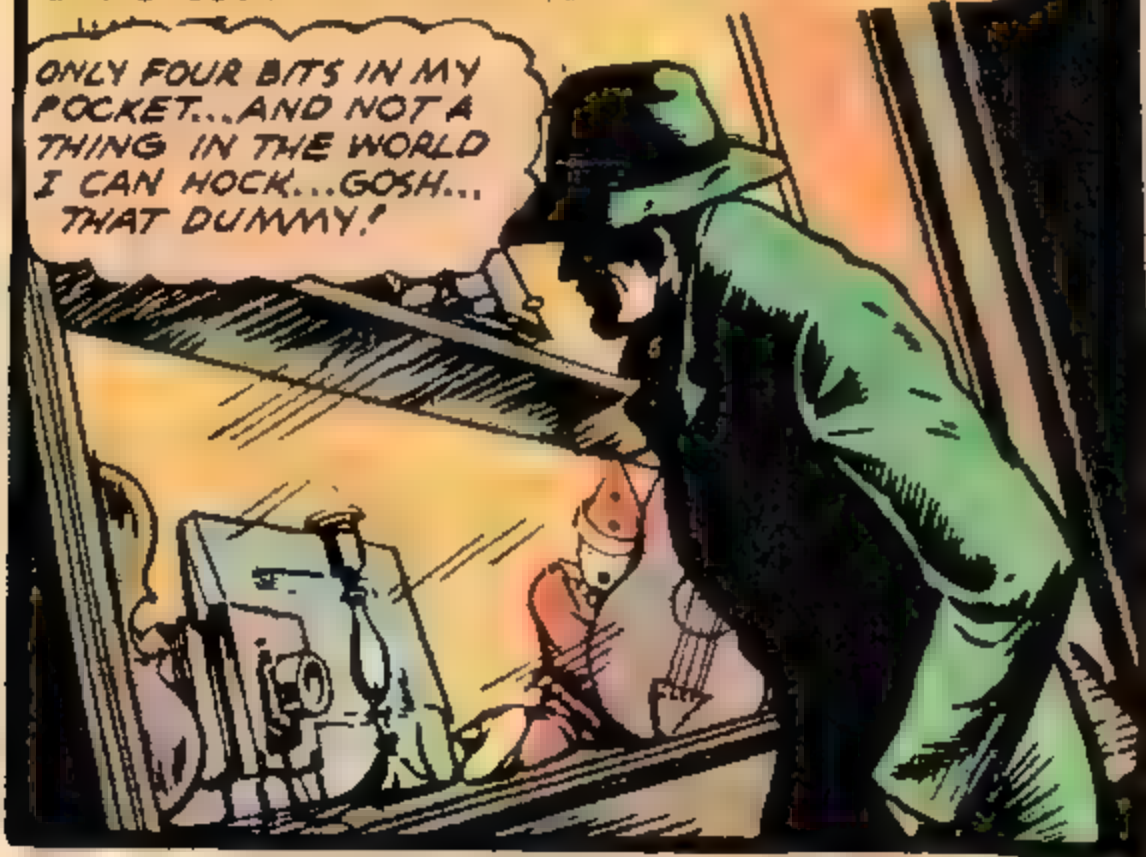
...I'M TAKING ON A NEW PARTNER, JERRY... MISS JANICE WARREN. SO IT'S THE ASH CAN FOR YOU, OLD MAN...

OH, SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME THE AIR, EH, RUSS? BUT YOU CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT ME... REMEMBER WHEN WE JOINED UP?

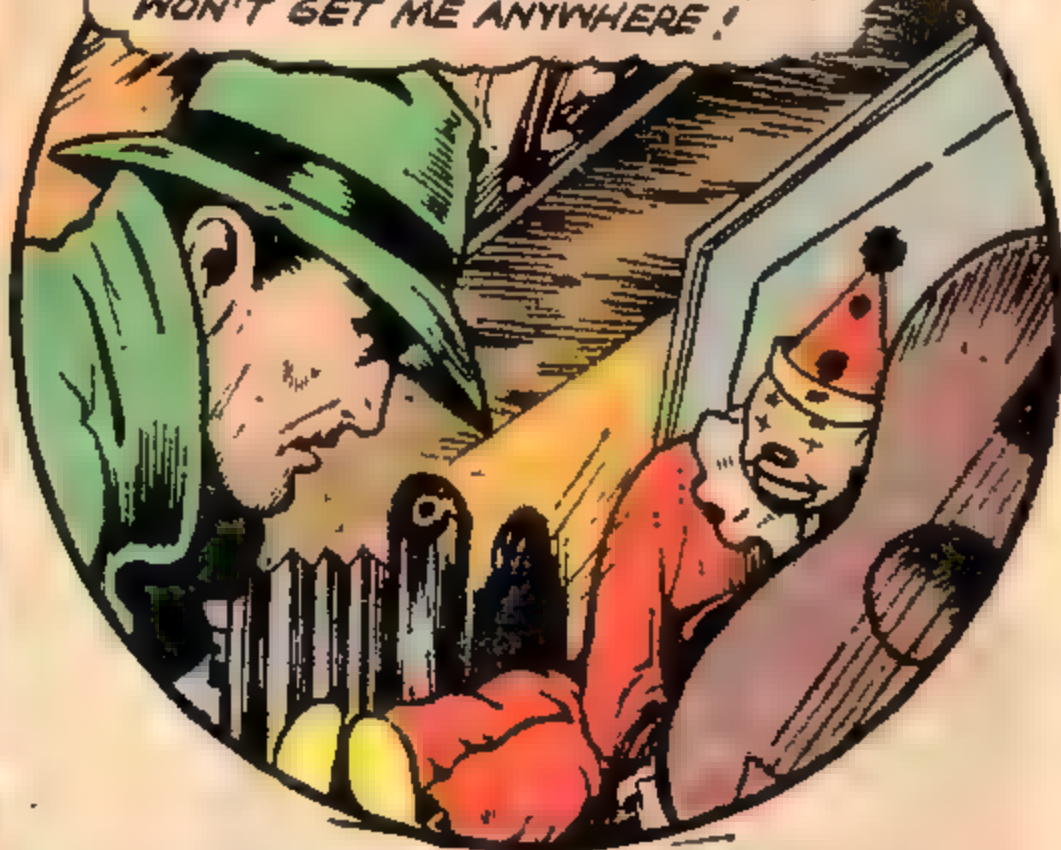


"IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...YOU WERE JOBLESS,
FRIENDLESS AND ALMOST BROKE...TRUDDING
ALONG SECOND AVENUE..."

ONLY FOUR BITS IN MY
POCKET...AND NOT A
THING IN THE WORLD
I CAN HOCK...GOSH...
THAT DUMMY!



QUEER LITTLE DEVIL. I'D ALMOST
SWEAR IT'S BEGGING ME TO BUY
HIM. AND WHY NOT? FOUR BITS
WOON'T GET ME ANYWHERE!



WHAT CAN
I DO FOR
YOU, MISTER?

LET'S SEE
THAT DUMMY IN
THE WINDOW.
WHAT'S IT
WORTH?



IT ONCE BELONGED
TO MR. JERIMIAH DINGLE,
THE FAMOUS VENTRILO-
QUIST. FOR TWO DOLLARS
IT'S YOUR!



I'LL GIVE YOU HALF
A BUCK...THAT'S ALL
I'VE GOT. IS IT A
DEAL?

I'LL TAKE, MISTER! AND
I HOPE IT BRINGS YOU
BETTER LUCK THAN IT
BROUGHT ME.



"YOU GRABBED ME AND TURNED
TO GO. MAD AT YOURSELF FOR
HAVING BOUGHT ME..."

I'M THE WORLD'S BIGGEST
FOOL...THROWING AWAY THE
PRICE OF A MEAL ON YOU!



"REMEMBER HOW I ANSWERED YOU THEN, RUSS? THE OLD MAN'S GOT A DRAWER FULL OF MONEY BEHIND THE COUNTER. USE THAT SAX, RUSS! THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU TO DO."



"AT FIRST, YOU WERE TOO STARTLED TO HEAR ME TALK TO GET THE DRIFT OF WHAT I SAID..."

AM I HEARING THINGS? MUST BE GOING BATTY FOR WANT OF A SQUARE MEAL... BUT WAIT...



DRAWER FULL OF MONEY...USE THE SAX AND IT'S MINE. I'D BE A SAP TO PASS UP THIS CHANCE.



"JUST ONE SMACK AND IT WAS ALL FINISHED, RUSS...YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM TESTIFYING AGAINST YOU..."



"AND YOU FOUND THE DOUGH, RUSS. JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU."

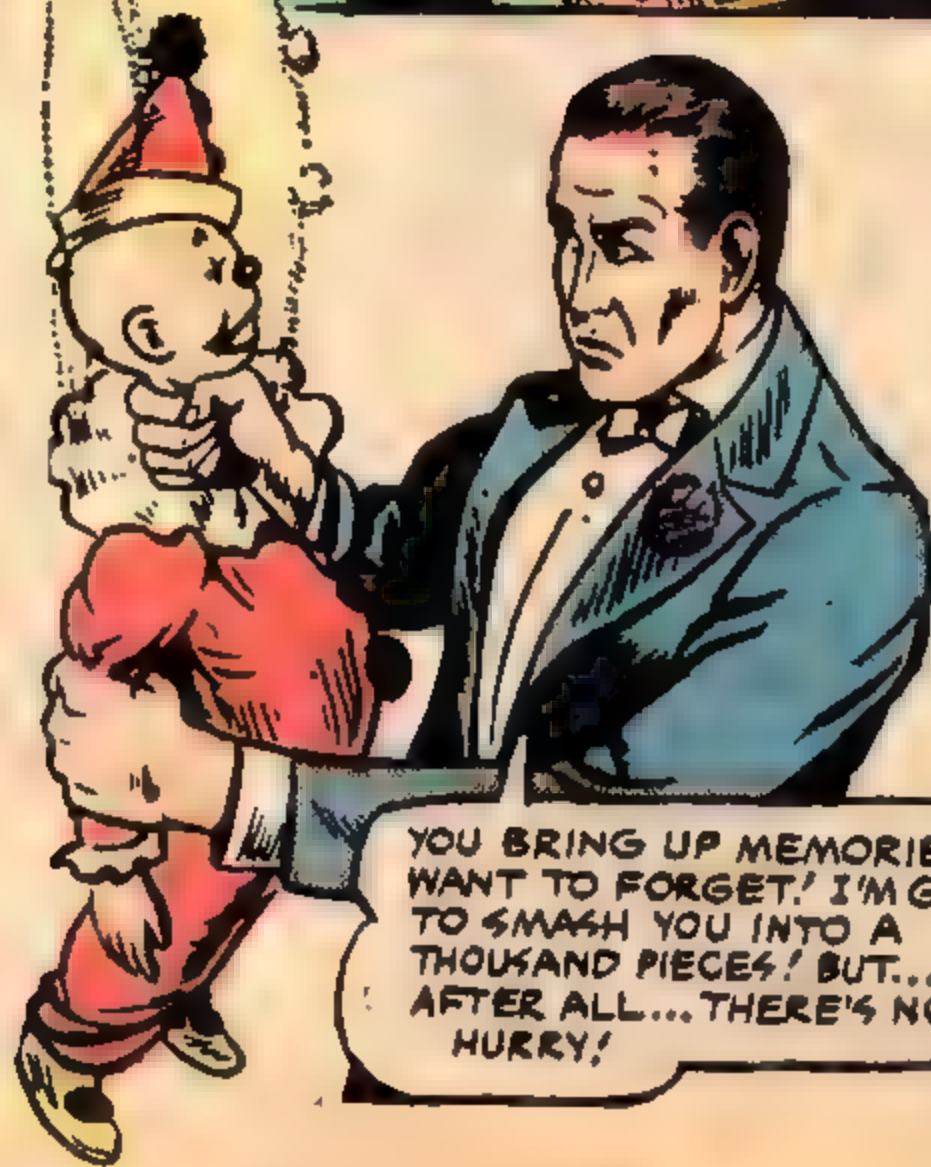


THAT'S HOW IT STARTED. REMEMBER, RUSS? WE'VE HAD EASY PICKING EVER SINCE.

YEAH...BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW, MR. DINGLE. I'M GETTING RID OF YOU!



YOU BRING UP MEMORIES I WANT TO FORGET! I'M GOING TO SMASH YOU INTO A THOUSAND PIECES! BUT... AFTER ALL...THERE'S NO HURRY!



THANKS FOR THE REPRIEVE, RUSS... SAY...
REMEMBER HOW I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO
USE ME. YOU LEARNED FAST, RUSS...
SOON WE WERE PLAYING FOR DINNER
PARTIES...



"YOU HITCHED UP WITH A MOB...
THE REST WAS EASY..."

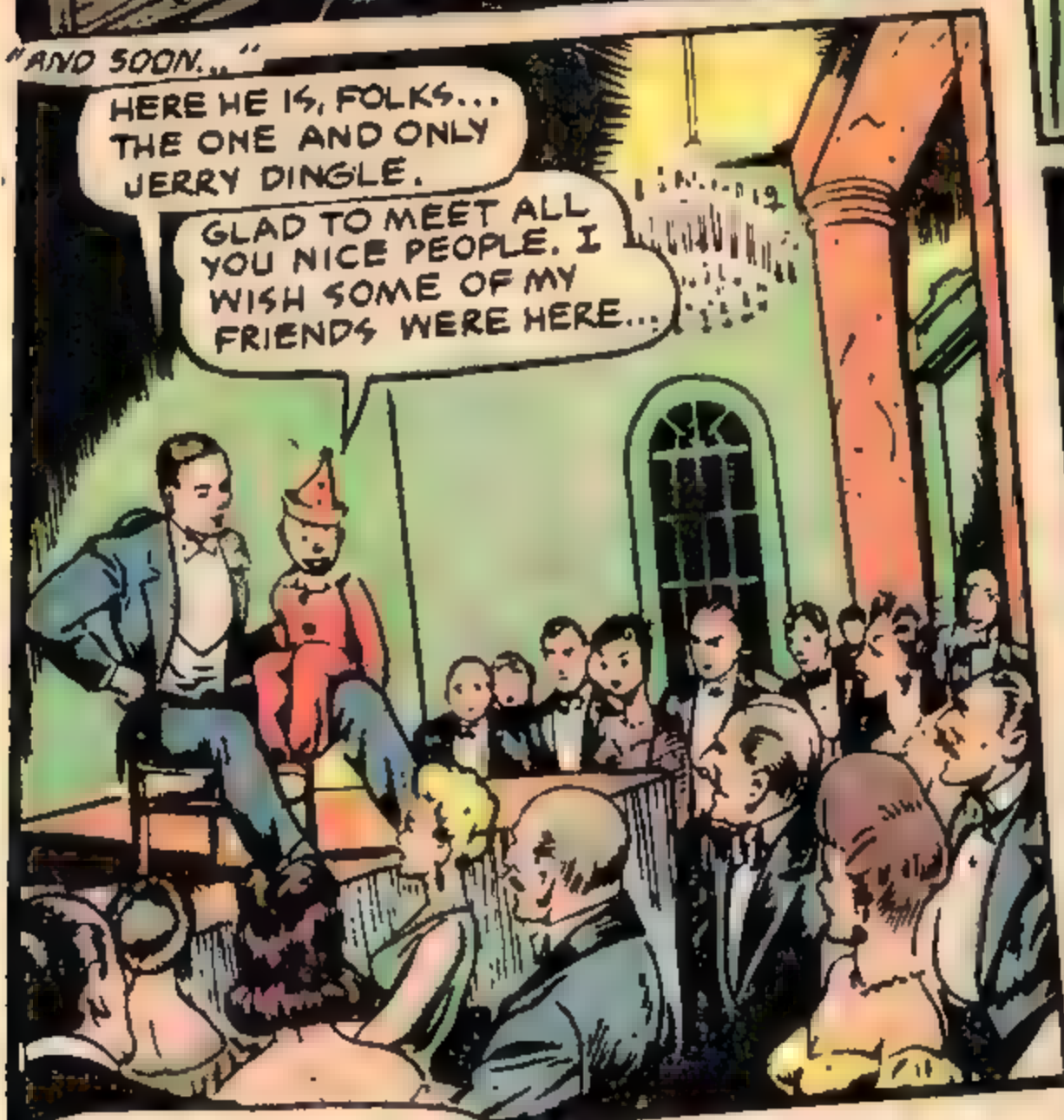
I'LL LEAVE THIS
WINDOW OPEN...
WAIT FOR MY
SIGNAL...



"AND SOON..."

HERE HE IS, FOLKS...
THE ONE AND ONLY
JERRY DINGLE.

GLAD TO MEET ALL
YOU NICE PEOPLE. I
WISH SOME OF MY
FRIENDS WERE HERE...



DON'T YOU DARE TAKE
THAT NECKLACE!



"WHEN THE GANG HEARD
ME SPEAK, THEY RUSHED
IN!"

JUST KEEP
QUIET AND
NO ONE WILL
GET HURT!



I TOLD YOU TO SHUT
UP, DIDN'T I? THIS
WILL MAKE YOU!



THE BANKER KICKED OFF... BUT IT DIDN'T WORRY US, RUSS. WE GOT OUR CUT FOR THE TIP-OFF.

SHUT UP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE!

...WE'RE FINISHED! I'M GOING TO BURY THE PAST AND YOU WITH IT!

BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT, RUSS. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED ME... LIKE YOU DID WHEN YOU FIRST MET JANICE...

"WE WERE VACATIONING AT THE LAKE WHEN..."

HELLO THERE, MR. BURKE. HOW ABOUT INVITING US FOR A RIDE?

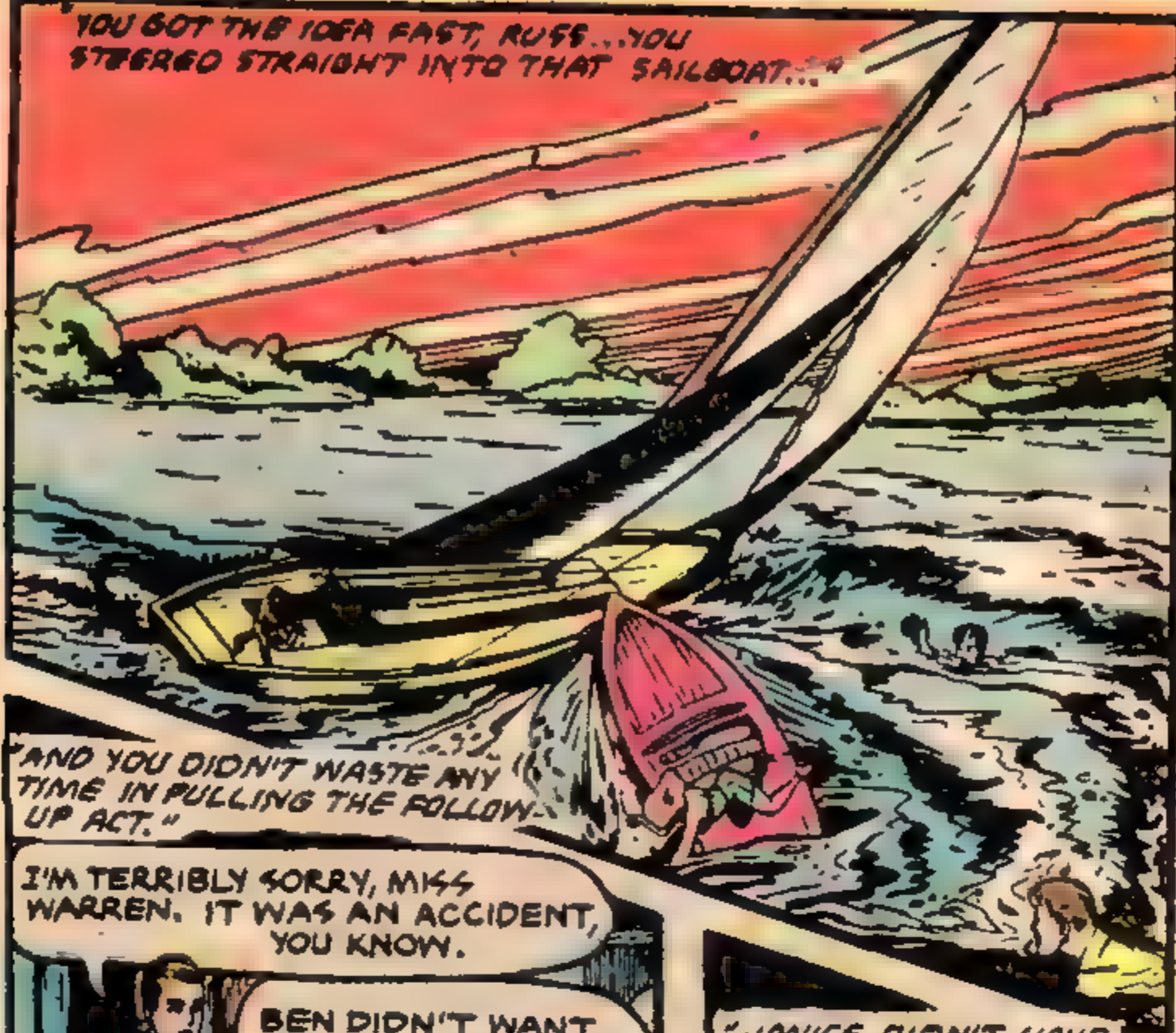
STOP, JANICE, NEITHER OF US CAN SWIM.

"WE WERE OVER THE DEEP PART... THEN I GAVE YOU THE IDEA, RUSS..."

JANICE WARREN, THE MILLIONAIRE-ESS... THEY CAN'T SWIM... IF I SAVED HER I'D BE A HERO... IT'S WORTH A CHANCE...

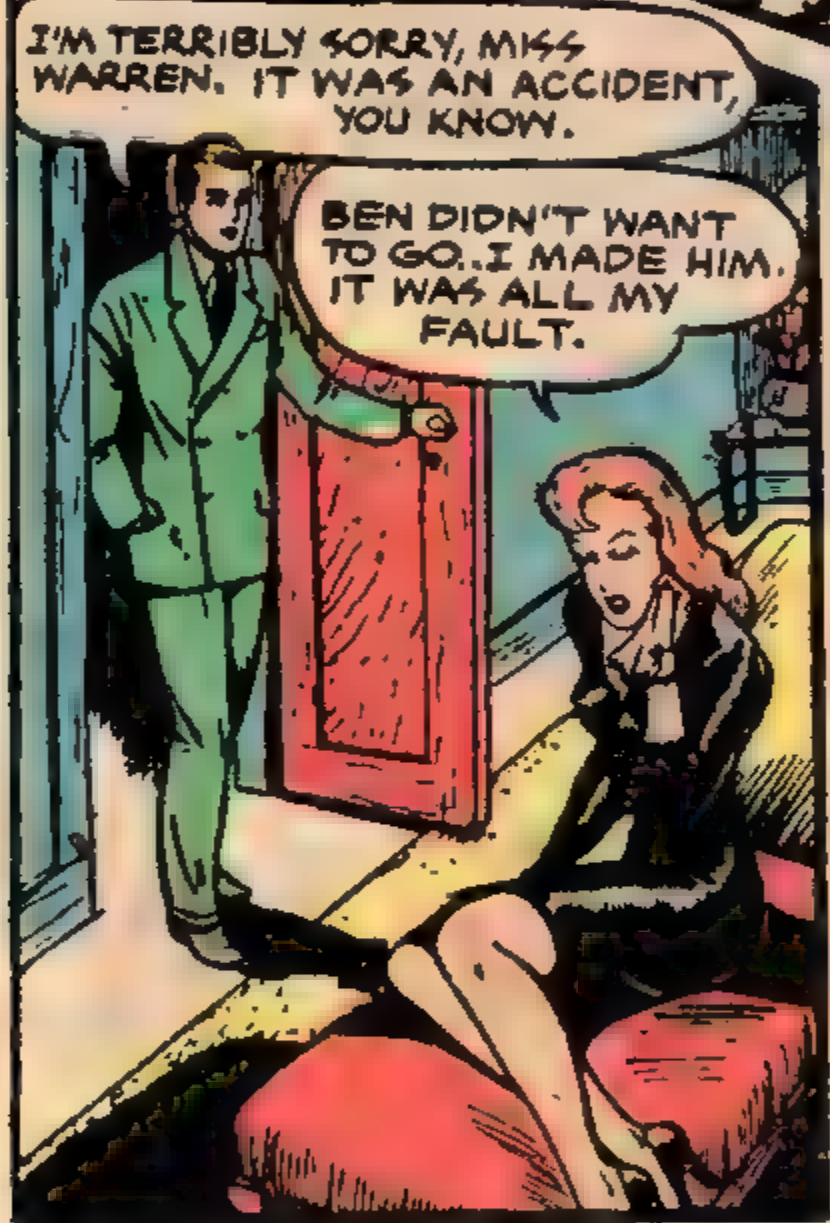
HOP IN, FOLKS. AND DON'T WORRY... IT'S SAFE!

COME ON, BEN. DON'T BE A SCARECAT!



"YOU GOT THE IDEA FAST, RUSS... YOU STEERED STRAIGHT INTO THAT SAILBOAT..."

"AND YOU DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN PULLING THE FOLLOW-UP ACT."



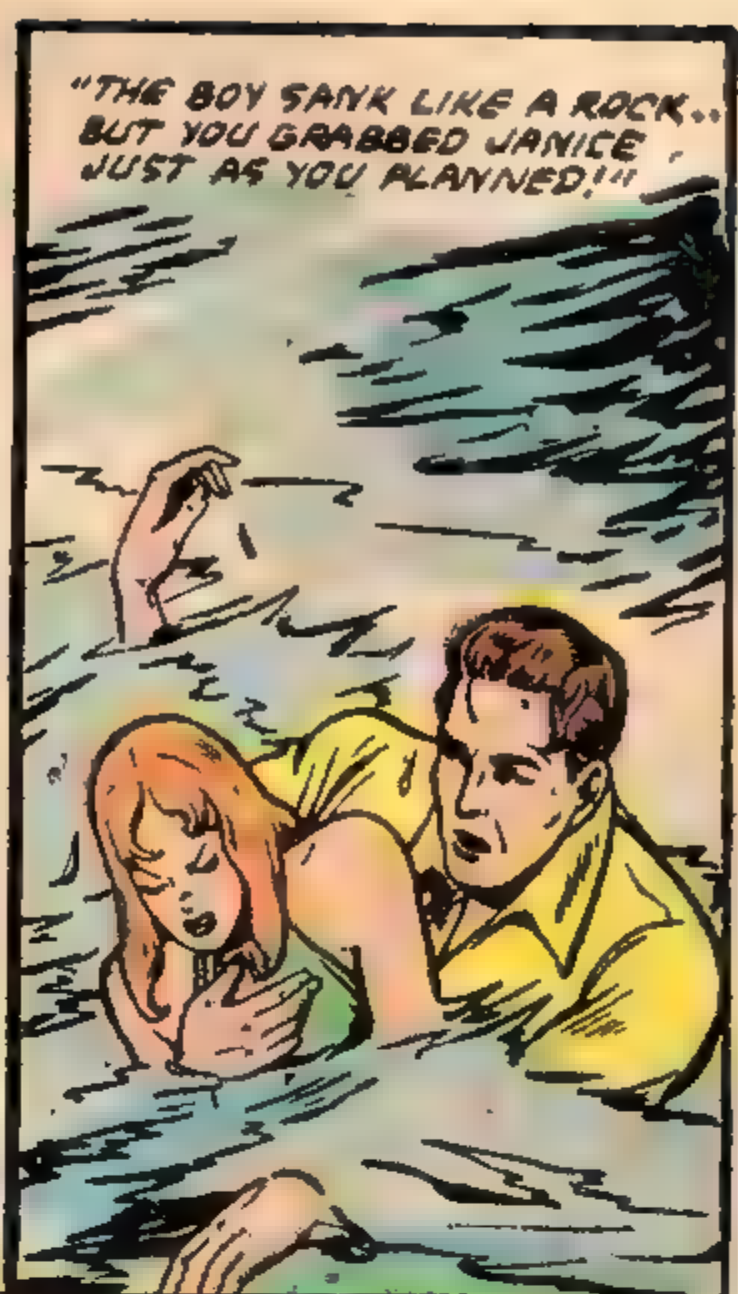
"I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, MISS WARREN. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, YOU KNOW."

"BEN DIDN'T WANT TO GO.. I MADE HIM. IT WAS ALL MY FAULT."



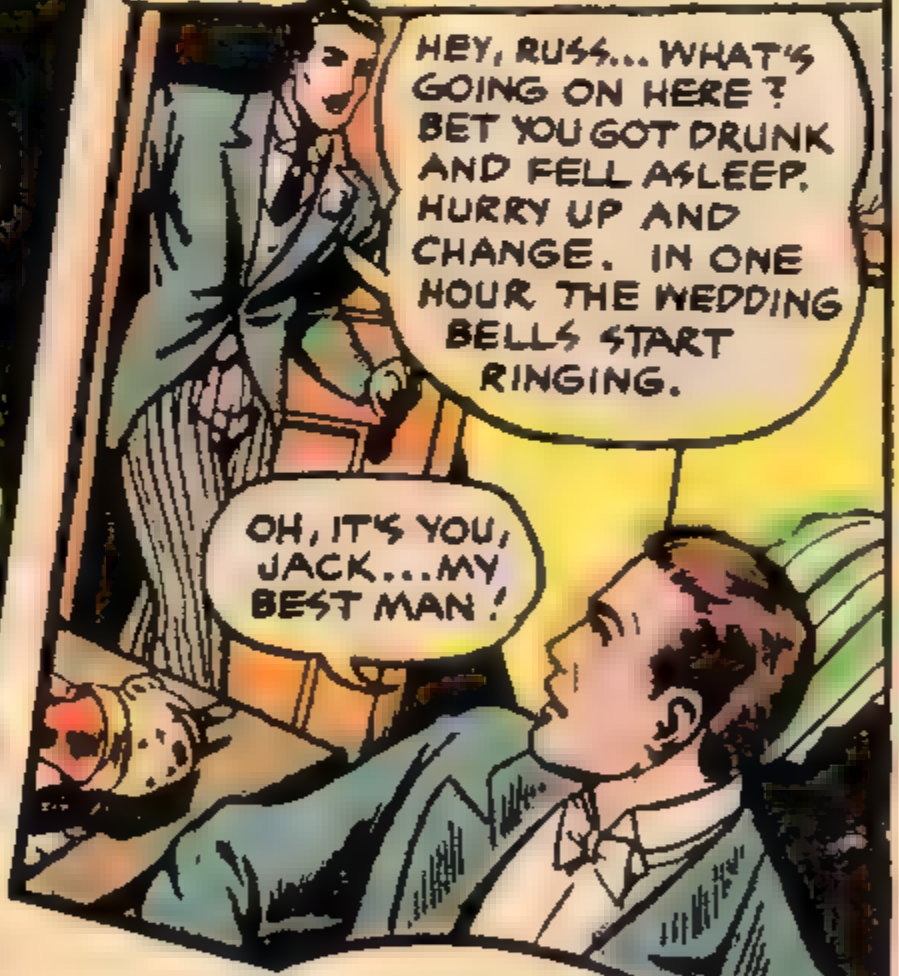
"JANICE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE... YOU PLAYED YOUR CARDS CAGEY. AND SOON SHE'LL BE YOUR WIFE!"

"WHY, YOU..."



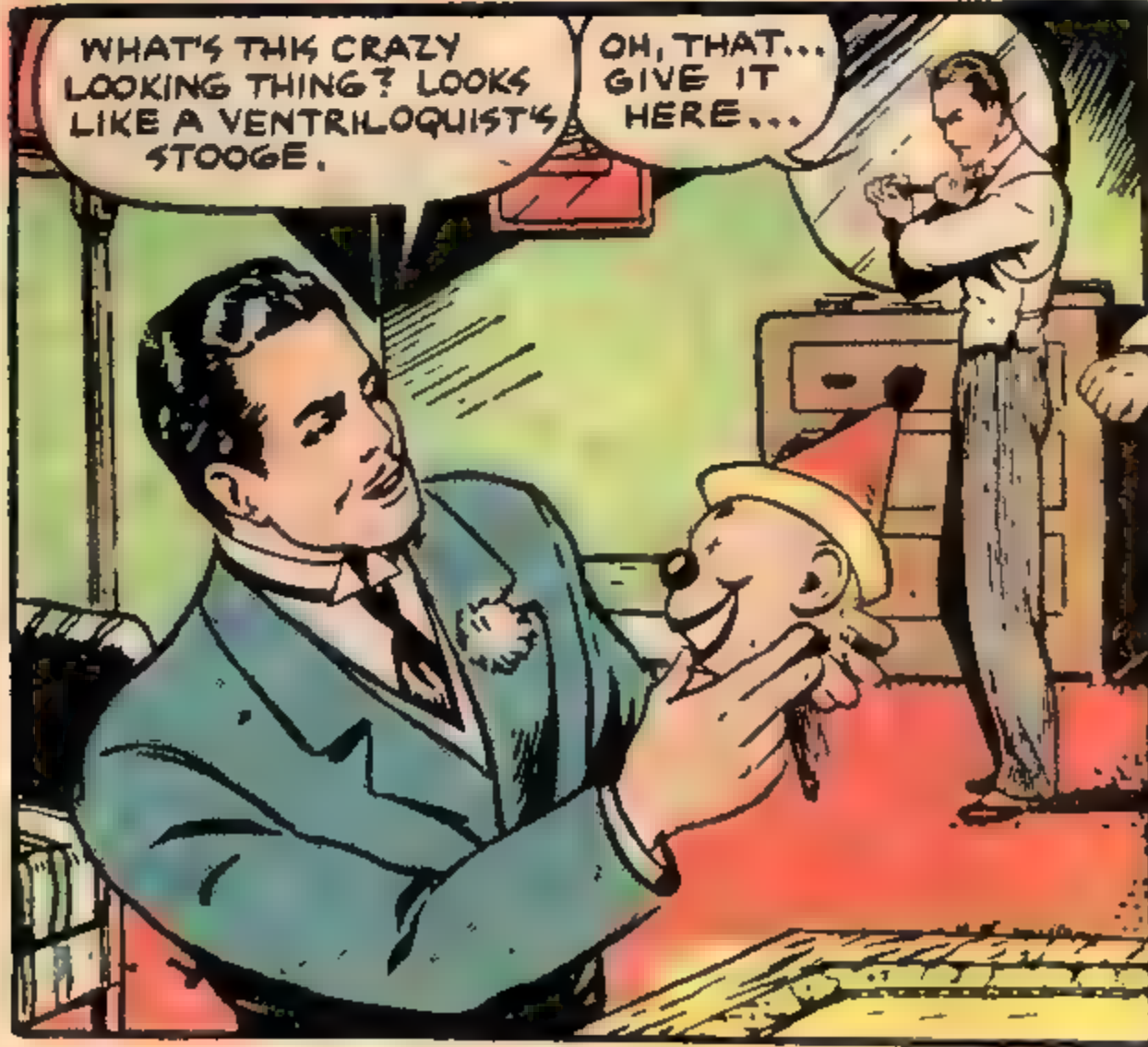
"THE BOY SANK LIKE A ROCK... BUT YOU GRABBED JANICE JUST AS YOU PLANNED!"

"THE GHOSTLY VOICE WAS STILLED. RUSS SAT STARING ACROSS AT THE BROKEN DUMMY... WHEN SUDDENLY THE DOOR BURST OPEN..."



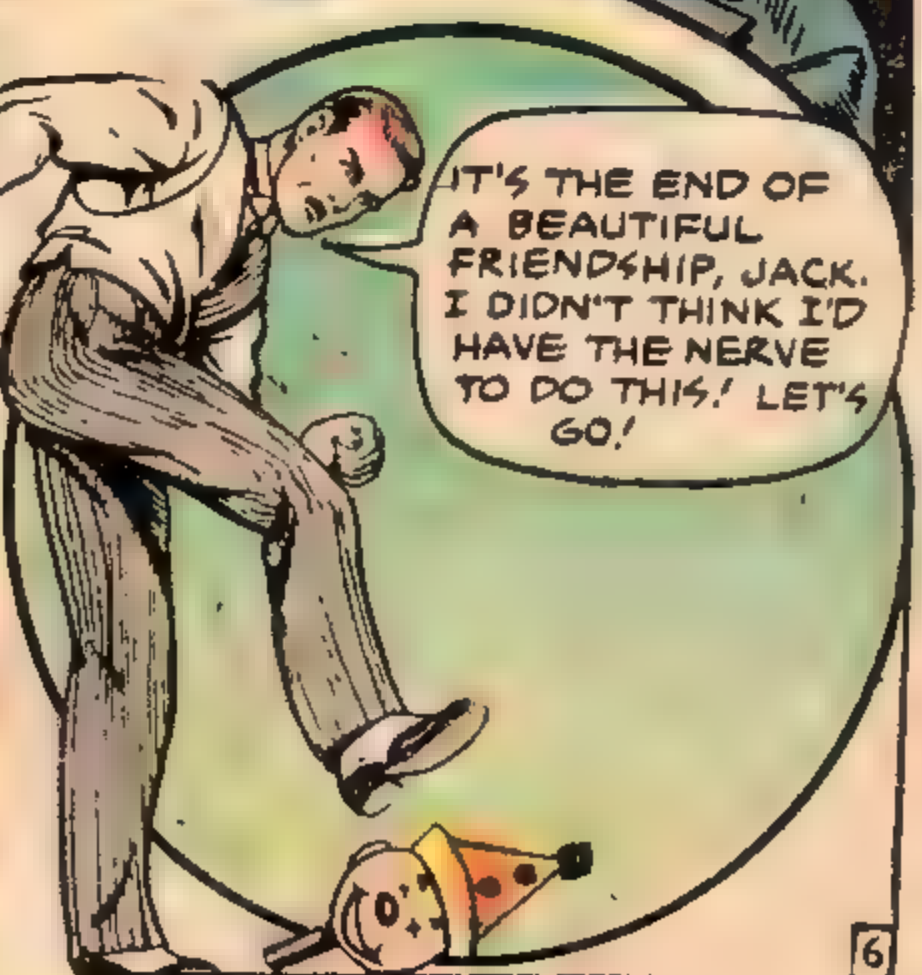
"HEY, RUSS... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? BET YOU GOT DRUNK AND FELL ASLEEP. HURRY UP AND CHANGE. IN ONE HOUR THE WEDDING BELLS START RINGING."

"OH, IT'S YOU, JACK... MY BEST MAN!"



"WHAT'S THIS CRAZY LOOKING THING? LOOKS LIKE A VENTRILOQUIST'S STOUGE."

"OH, THAT... GIVE IT HERE..."



"IT'S THE END OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP, JACK. I DIDN'T THINK I'D HAVE THE NERVE TO DO THIS! LET'S GO!"

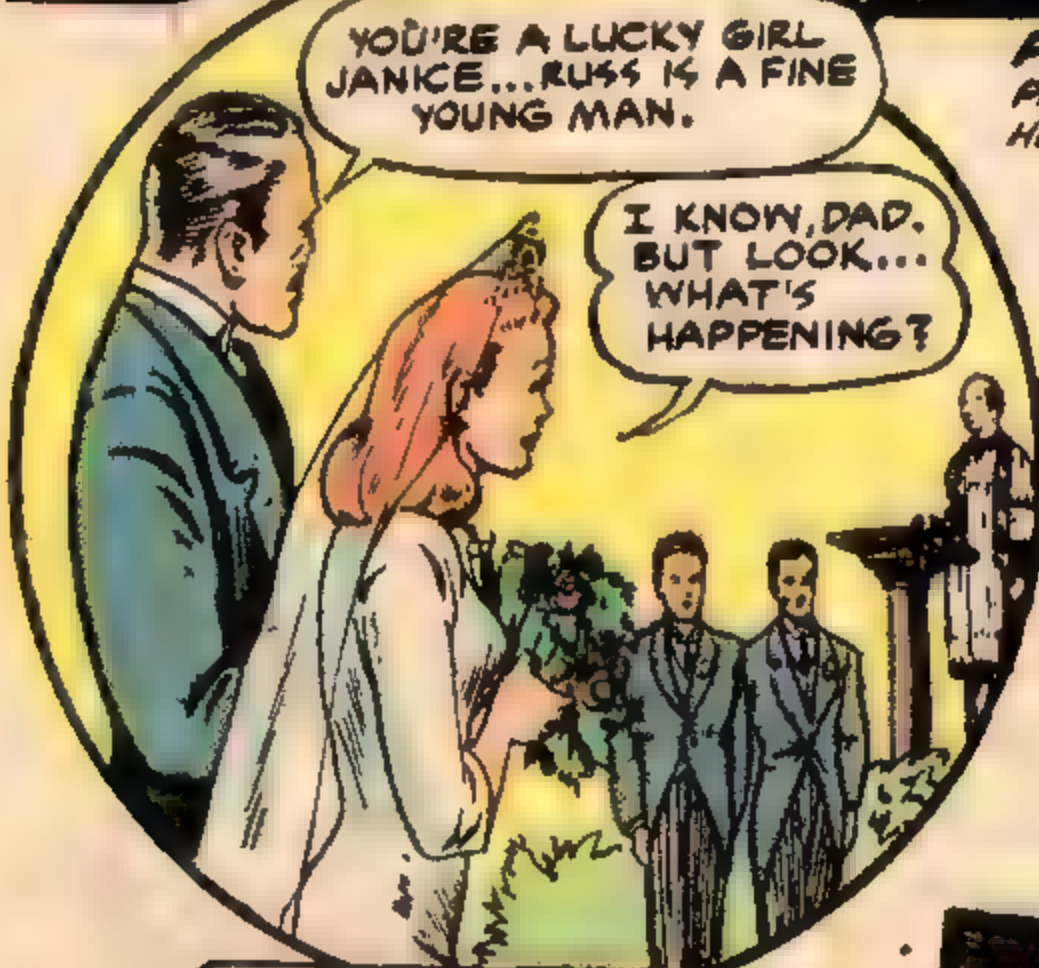
SO NOW HE HAD DONE IT! THE
BROKEN DUMMY LAY BACK THERE.
HIS ROOM A MONUMENT TO HIS
FORGOTTEN PAST...EVERYTHING
WAS ROSY!



THE WEDDING MARCH SOUNDED...
AND FIFTY MILLION BUCKS CAME
MARCHING DOWN THE AISLE...



YOU'RE A LUCKY GIRL
JANICE...RUSS IS A FINE
YOUNG MAN.



I KNOW, DAD.
BUT LOOK...
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

FOR SUDDENLY HIS FACE TURNED
PALE... FEAR GRIPPED HIS HEART!
HE SCREAMED IN TERROR.

JERRY! LET ME
ALONE, JERRY. WHY
DID YOU BRING
THOSE DEAD ONES
HERE?



STOP YELLING, RUSS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

LOOK...THERE'S MR. DINGLE
WITH THE PAWNBROKER,
THE BANKER AND THE
BOY!



HUSH, RUSS...I'VE
COME TO PERFORM
THE CEREMONY!...



WHAT'S THE MATTER,
RUSS... YOU FORGOT TO
INVITE US TO THE
WEDDING, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT WE CAME, RUSS...
WE CAME...

WHY RUSS, YOU LOOK
SCARED... WE'RE FRIENDS...
WE WON'T HURT YOU!

GO AWAY! YOU'RE
GOING TO SPOIL
EVERYTHING...
GO AWAY!

SCREAMING CURSES AT JERRY
AND THE OTHERS, HE TURNED
AND FLED...

NOW HE WAS BLIND
TO THE PEOPLE
AROUND HIM... DEAF
TO THEIR SHOUTS...

LOOK OUT, RUSS...
LOOK OUT FOR
THAT TRUCK!

TAKE THEM AWAY
FROM ME! I'M
GETTING OUT OF
HERE!

A THUD... A SCREAM OF PAIN AND
TERROR... AND SECONDS LATER...

RUSSELL BURKE, AGE
TWENTY SEVEN, RAN IN
FRONT OF TRUCK...
NOW YOUR NAMES.

MORNING GLOBE = MAN KILLED OUT- SIDE CHURCH ON WEDDING DAY...

RUSSELL BURKE WAS
STANDING AT THE
ALTAR WAITING FOR
HIS BRIDE WHEN HE
SUDDENLY SUFFERED
FROM WHAT APPEARED
TO BE HALLUCINATIONS.
HE SHRIEKED AND
RACED OUT OF THE
CHURCH INTO THE
PATH OF A TRUCK.
AMONG HIS EFFECTS
WERE THE PIECES
OF WHAT RESEMBLED
A VENTRILOQUIST'S
DUMMY...

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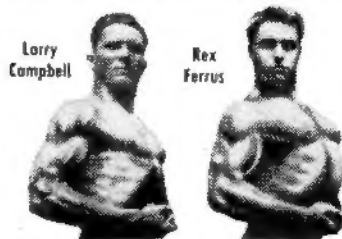
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